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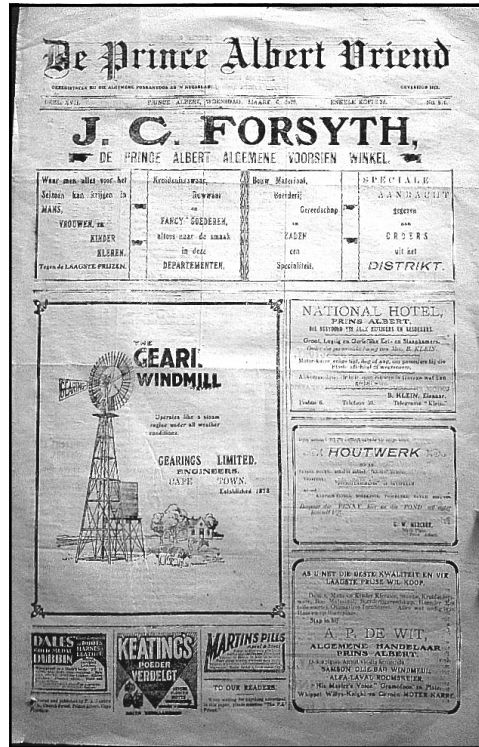
We celebrate 100 years!

On 4th October 1912 the first issue of a weekly newspaper, *De Prince Albert Vriend/ Prince Albert Friend* was published in Dutch and English. Information about those early days is limited but we know that it was printed and published in various buildings in the town, including the cottage behind Onse Rus, known as Oom Piet Doppies se Winkel and also in what is now Seven Arches.

The earliest editions we have in the Museum date from the 1930s and typically the entire front page was given over to advertisements. The August 1 1934 issue, published by FA Jansen & Co of Church Street, Prince Albert, Cape Province, included local adverts for JC Forsyth, B Buch and AP de Wit's *Algemene Handelaars*, the *National Hotel* and *IF van Eik's Dames en Here Klere-maker* and some from further afield. *GEARINGS BKT* of Cape Town had taken out a large advertisement for their self-oiling wind pumps and *Keatings Powder* was advertised to "verdelg miere, vlooië, motte, vlieë, kakkerlakke, weeluisse – alle insekte." The nasty little devil holding a can of this poisonous powder looks capable of wiping out just about anything!

In those days *De Prince Albert Vriend* carried world news, so local residents could read articles such as "Cold Blooded Murder" reporting the death of Austrian Chancellor Dr Dolfuss, which expressed concerns about another war; "John Dillinger" provided a brief account of the shooting down of this desperado in front of a Chicago cinema and "Krokodil Van Oor die 100 Jaar" reported on a fourteen foot crocodile found in the Sabi river and sent to the Rhodesian Museum in Bulawayo. These articles were printed in both English and Dutch.

Local news was of equal, or greater importance: "Mev. SP Luttig het laaste Vrijdag teruggekeer van haar rit na Rhodesië om by haar dogter (Betty Weather-



De Prince Albert Vriend of Wednesday, 6 March 1929

head) te kuier." Mrs P Koorts, Principal of the Weltevreden farm school had been forced by the School Board to take sick leave for another three months and Mr Pieter Botes had been appointed as substitute in her place.

Sport featured too: in the column *Local and General* we read that "a school team of Oudtshoorn footballers came over in the rain last Saturday to play a friendly match here and notwithstanding the muddy state of the field went home victorious by 16-3."

The rain was most welcome since it had "considerably augmented the irrigation furrow... 0.18 inches will at least revive the condition of the veld... In the Tierberg and Argentine direction fairly good showers were also welcomed by farmers."

One had to be wary of traffic cops, even in 1934: "No Lights. At the Police Court Frederick J Snyman and Johannes G Schoe-



man stood charged, the first with having no lights to his bicycle and the second with having no tail light to his motor car, and were fined 2s 6d each. The first accused lives at Koelhoogte, the second at Bloemendal."

Die koerant is gereeld uitgegee maar het in die veertigerjare ongelukkig mettertyd uit Prince Albert se strate verdwyn. In 1994 het 'n klein groepie plaaslike inwoners, synde: Johan "Spar" Mulder, Ronel van der Spuy en Virna Gouws dit as 'n maandelikse publikasie laat herleef. Johan het 'n rekenaar beskikbaar gestel en Ronel en Virna het die tikwerk en uitleg waargeneem. Die afsluittyd het dikwels bestaan uit 'n rondbellerie na vriende vir 'nuus'. Virna sou dan dikwels tot elfuur snags werk voordat sy en die koerant 'bed toe' kon gaan.

Onder die sambreel van die Toerismevereniging het die *PA Vriend* van krag tot krag gegaan en teen 1997 het Inge Mynhardt die tikmasjien laat gesels. Russell Brownlee, Susan Perold, Denise Ohlson en Helena Marincowitz was gereelde bydraers, plaaslike sportklubs het hulle verslae geplaas en besighede hulle advertensies. Ailsa Tudhope het vir drie jaar die leisels oorgeneem en kommer oor "n Engelse Dame" aan die stuur gou bygelê deur om die beurt Afrikaanse en Engelse voorbladstories te plaas. Dames van Huis Kweekvallei het gereeld, om een van hulle groot eetkamertafels, gehelp om die koerant te vou. Jill Reid en Sharlton Groenewald was die volgende redakteurs, Hulle is opgevolg deur Di Steyn en Linda Jaquet.

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Happy Birthday to Us

Well done to everyone who has ever been involved with the *Prince Albert Friend* - to those who started it as a business venture 100 years ago to serve the small but busy Karoo town at the foot of the Swartberg and to those who had the vision and tenacity to revive it as a community newspaper in 1994 and who continue to produce a newspaper every month that is the work of volunteers and residents, not of paid reporters and journalists.

The *Friend* is the product of a number of unsung heroes, those who write for us, our advertisers, the proof readers and sub-editors, who do not have their names mentioned and who are called upon night and day as we rush to meet deadlines, our admin and layout colleagues, the printers and couriers. Thanks to all for what you bring to the paper. You the readers are the reason we do it. Thank you for your support.

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'n Christelike Perspektief

Honderd jaar in Prince Albert...*die Vriend*! Voorwaar 'n mylpaal om te vier. Sal sy bydrae as nuusdraer, meningsvormer en maatstaf vir norme en waardes (ook Christelike waardes/perspektief) ooit na waarde geag word? Veels geluk aan die *Vriend* en 'n redaksie wat onbaatsugtig bedrywig is en ons glo, nog lank sal aanhou.

Tyd is so relatief, 'n leeftyd, 'n 100 jaar, 250 jaar of 'n ewigheid!? En dan vergeet ons so maklik. Vergeet is nie net 'n probleem van senior burgers nie, dis 'n algemene verskynsel. Ons vergeet so maklik God is ewig, het regeer voor ons gebore is, voor die *Vriend* daar was, voor Jan van Riebeeck, ... en sal regeer nadat ons dood is.

in die HEDE en die TOEKOMS... vir ALTYD! Psalm 105, veral verse 1 tot 9 en 42 tot 45 herinner ons vergeetagtiges van God se alomteenwoordigheid, ewigheid, Sy onverganklike genade en troue sorg. Soos die *Vriend* deur die jare met die wel en weë van ons dorp en omgewing doenig was, weet ons versker dat ons Hemelse Vader op die intiemste wyse betrokke was by ons krisis, lyding en geskiedenis.

Ons moet die Goeie Nuus van God se Genade, soos die koerant sy nuus dra, ook die alledaagse lewe indra en uitlewe om hoop te gee in tye waar daar dikwels baie twyfel is. Hy het ook die toekoms in Sy Hande.

Vrede vir elke leser.

Dus kan ons Hom vertrou om te regeer

- Dawid Rossouw -

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Briewe moet vergesel wees van die skrywer se naam, adres en telefoonnommer (nie vir bekendstelling nie.)

Operation Snowball against fracking

This letter serves to advise the readers of the *Friend* of another group opposed to fracking called 'Snowball'. With your (the community's) assistance we will roll the Shell group out of the Karoo area by Christmas and out of South Africa by the end of next year.

Your part is to boycott all Shell products. It is not a difficult task. On national routes, bypass all the Shell Ultra stations. There is always an alternative garage, sometimes just on the other side of the road.

The main contribution you can make is to contact all your friends and family and advise them of the damage Shell will wreak on the natural beauty of the Karoo and eventually in other areas too. No doubt within your group of contacts there will be individuals in control of company transport and hopefully, somebody involved with the heavy duty trucks that operate between Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, etc. I am sure that you now realise how this snowball can roll.

We must emphasize this again: everyone reading this letter should contact their friends, family and business acquaintances in nearby Karoo towns to get the snowball rolling to defend their areas. Let's show these multinational groups that our financial unity is our strength.

Ron Sexton

Verrassingsbesoek uit Engeland

Ons gesinnetjie het besluit om vir twee weke deur die Suid-Kaap te kom toer. Sommer net die Wynlande - en dan al langs die kus op tot by Plettenbergbaai. En toe bespreek my Engelsman twee nagte in Prince Albert! My allerliefste grootwordplek wie se soet bergwater vir altyd diep in my are sal vloei.

Na 'n lang dag van volstruis-ry en met verwondering en bewondering deur die Swartberg kronkel, kom ons skemeraand by Mai se gastehuis aan. Dit was pragtig en verwelkomend en heerlik warm ná die sneeu op die berg. Met die kinders vaak en honger, het ons skaars ons tasse neergesit of ons moes êrens iets te ete kry.

So stap ons Kerkstraat op tot by Seven Arches, wat ek só goed onthou van my kinderdae af - toe die Barrella's se verstommende klipversameling nog daar gehuisves was. En dan het die towerwoord 'gallery' mos nog maar altyd sy bekoring vir my ingehou! Wat 'n wonderlike restaurant. Ons was verstom: Prince Albert "cater" nou vir fynproewers, want *Gallery Café* se allerheerlikste eendpastei en tuisgemaakte sorbet was uit die heel boonste rakke.

Ons het die dorp verlaat met die mooiste herinneringe. Die hartlike dorpsmense het ons besoek die hoogtepunt van ons vaksie gemaak.

*Elza Stevely
Norton, Engeland*

(Elza van der Merwe, van graad 1 tot matric 'n leerder van Hoërskool Zwartberg.)

Well done, Prince Albert

We would like to congratulate Prince Albert on being voted the Western Cape's 'Dorp of the Year' and on being a finalist in the national competition. We were lucky enough to be winners of the prize offered by Karoo View Cottages and spent two delightful nights in a beautiful cottage early in September.

A very big thank you to Richard and Julie Waterston for their generosity in donating the prize and for their hospitality whilst we were there. In addition to the accommodation we were provided with breakfast supplies and a braai basket filled with Karoo goodies.

It was a lovely break and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the peace of Prince Albert and meet up with old friends and acquaintances at the Saturday Market. The air was so clear and the flowers were amazing.

Thank you again to all involved.

*Neil and Jackie Haupt
Mossel Bay*

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New Chapter for Café Albert

William and Romy would like to thank all of our customers, both local and visitors, for their loyal support and friendship over the past eight years of running Café Albert. It has been a very rewarding experience for us both and we shall miss the interaction with our customers, many of whom have become friends.

We wish Stephan and Sabine, the new owners, everything of the best and hope that they will derive the same satisfaction that we did.

William and Romy Mathews

Congratulations P A Friend!

Grateful thanks to FRIENDS Dawn Viljoen and Renee Finn for faithfully mailing the *Prince Albert FRIEND* to me every month, thereby helping me remain connected to Prince Albert and FRIENDS.

Hearty congratulations as you celebrate 100 years.

From a FRIEND of the *PA FRIEND* and FRIENDS in PA.

*Mavis Aggett
Somerset West*

Congrats from your friend in Oz

I regularly visit Prince Albert and it reminds me, in a way, of our own *gaffa* [Australian outback]. The difference is, I have to say, in the great cultural life you guys have. For us it's just open space and 'roos, for you it's a whole bunch more. As an annual 'member' of one of your book clubs and an old 'chalky' [school-teacher], your Art Festival and upcoming Reading Feast [Lees-fees] make me green with envy! Wish I could pop over the pond to enjoy them too. Good onya Prince Alberters!

*Warren Lawrence
Sydney, Australia*

(We Celebrate 100 Years... Continued from p 1)

In 2001 neem Kerneels Mulder die uitleg en produksie oor, 'n rol wat hy nog steeds knap vervul; die Prince Albert Skrywersgilde raak in hierdie tyd betrokke met die voorsien van artikels, asook om die koerant te proeflees.

Sedert sy herlewing in 1994 is die produksie van die *Prince Albert Vriend* 'n egte gemeenskapspoging. Plaaslike nuus word maandeliks deur verskeie individue vergaar. Die toerisme kantoor gee steeds sy steun. Zelia Mullins het onlangs die finansiële administrasie oorgeneem by wyle Cornie Koen, vir wie ons steeds mis.

Hartlik geluk met die 100ste verjaarsdag *Prince Albert Vriend* – mag jy in 2112 steeds op ons strate wees!

Plaaslike inwoners kan gerus hulle herinneringe aan vroeëre uitgawes van die Prince Albert Vriend neerskryf en in toekomstige uitgawes met ons te deel.

- Ailsa Tudhope -

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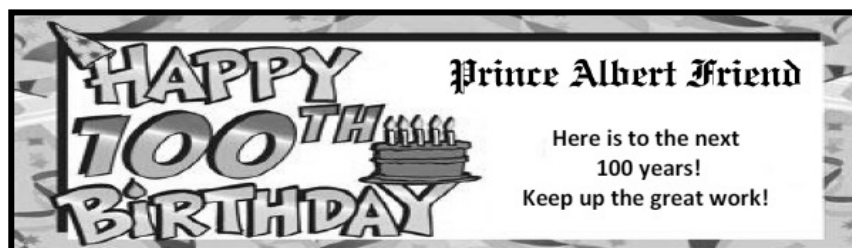
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Prince Albert Valley

Starry Splendour over Prince Albert

- Hans Daehne -

In October of this year as in every year it will be the ideal time to admire our Spring Constellation, the huge Pegasus, the flying horse of Greek Mythology that gave poets the possibility for their flight of thoughts – and should also stimulate our thoughts today! The Square of Pegasus, also known as the Spring Rectangle analogue to the Summer Triangle and Winter Triangle, can hardly be missed as it culminates over our Meridian. That means you have to look in a northerly direction parallel with Church Street. Pegasus can be recognised right away because it is one of only a few constellations that are in an upright position for us in the southern hemisphere.

At the lower right corner of the square of Pegasus there is a string of four stars, the hind legs of Pegasus so to speak, but they belong to the constellation of Andromeda already and it is under the middle of this line that you will find the Andromeda Nebula with the naked eye but a pair of binoculars will help. Also known as M31 this is the closest spiral galaxy to our Milky Way Galaxy, in other words it is our neighbour spiral galaxy but it is one and a half times the size of our home galaxy. At a distance of two and a half million light years it is the furthest celestial object that can still be seen with the unaided eye. But this distance is not far in astronomical terms and all other spiral galaxies are much further away from our Milky Way galaxy than that.

The American astronomer Edwin Hubble discovered in 1925 that the universe not only consisted of more galaxies than just the Milky Way, as was the prevailing belief at the time, but also that it was expanding and that there was a general tendency among most galaxies to recede from each other. These findings were made possible with the aid of the 2.5m Hooker Telescope, then the world's largest telescope at the Mount Wilson Observatory.

But the galaxies that are close together like our Milky Way Galaxy and the Andromeda Galaxy which are members of

the local group of galaxies, are not drifting apart from each other into the expanding universe. Rather they are approaching one another at the tremendous speed of 300km/second (1,08 mil km/h). At this rate of travel the two galaxies will merge in three billion years to become one super large galaxy. It is the huge masses of these galaxies that exert such a strong gravitational pull onto each other that it can even overcome the vast distances between the galaxies. Examples of such merging galaxies can be observed with the keen eye of the Hubble Space Telescope, named after the famous astronomer.

The Moon will be new on the 15th of October and full on the 29th.

Venus is still very bright (mag. - 4.0) in the mornings.

Jupiter at a magnitude of - 2.7 (brighter than any star) will rise well before midnight in October together with the constellation of Taurus. This gives us a clear indication that Summer with its beautiful Summer Constellations is on the way.

In the South the crosses are disappearing below the horizon with the Southern Cross just dipping behind the Swartberg. It is still visible from Cape Town because it is circumpolar for that latitude, thus visible the whole year.

To make up for this the Small and Large Magellanic Clouds, our irregularly shaped galaxy neighbours, rise high enough to become real attractions. At a distance of 190 000 and 160 000 light years respectively these small galaxies are our close neighbours indeed!

ASTRO TOURS would like to congratulate the Prince Albert Friend on its 100 years of existence. We are privileged to have been part of it for the last eight years.

Keep the stars (and galaxies) in your eyes!



FUTURE EVENTS

Oktober 2012

3 October: Garden Club, 3 Jan Louw St, 15:00

6 October: Thursday Group's International Tea, St John' Church hall, 10:00 – 16:00

6 October: Stargazing with Astro Tours

6 & 7 October: Flower Festival, St John's Church

13 October: Garden Club Plant Sale, Markie, 08:00 – 12:00

13 October: Stargazing with Astro Tours

19 & 20 Oktober: Prince Albert Landbouskou

20 October: Stargazing with Astro Tours

21 October: 'Brass On' concert, Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg, 18:00. Tickets – R50

November 2012

2 & 3 November: 8th Oktoberfest in Prince Albert

9 – 11 November: Prince Albert Leesfees

25 November: Kerssangaand, NG Kerk, 18:00



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SOLD !

Well done, Mirka Urbanc! Mirka realises the investment value of our town and has just bought a second property. Once she has sold her house in Somerset West she plans to relocate to Prince Albert in 2013.



R1,4 mil

Tree uit, tree af, tree op! Koop hierdie nuwe huis met wydse uitsigte. Twee slaapkamers bo en twee onder. Ruim garage. Klein tuin met reënwaterrenk. Paar gesonde vrugtebome! Lieflike lentebloem! Stil area.



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R 2,5 mil

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R 1,9 mil

Belê in karakter en historiese waarde: Pragtige smeeyster, geelhout, oorspronklike kaggel, ruim akkommodasie, moderne kombuis en badkamers. Aparte oumawoonstel, dubbele garage, lekker tuin met swembad. Geleë in 'n stil systraat.

Denise Ohlson, independant agent in Prince Albert since 1990!

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MUSEUMNUUS: P A Primêr ondersoek tradisionele medisinale kruie

Op 7 Augustus het Barry Jooste, die Opvoedkundige Beampte van die Dias Museum, saam met Melony Moos en Christeline Esterhuizen van die Fransie Pienaar Museum, Prince Albert Primêr besoek. Die graad 6 leerders leer in Sosiale Wetenskappe oor die Geskiedenis van Medisyne.

Vir kinders is dit altyd baie opwindend as iemand anders die les aanbied en Oom Barry het sommer vinnig hul aandag gehad. Wat het Oupa en Ouma gedoen voordat Prins-Kem daar was? Hulle het kruie gebruik! Maar dit is nie so maklik nie, mens moet weet watter kruie, hoe dit voorberei moet word en vir watter kwaal dit gebruik kan word.

Sommige plante kan giftig wees en leerders is gewaarsku om nie sommer enige plant te eet of 'n tee daarvan te maak nie. Christeline en Melony het beurte gemaak en saam met Oom Barry die verskillende plante aan die leerders voorgestel.



Barry Jooste hou Raylene se oë toe terwyl Christeline Esterhuizen haar aan 'n krui laat ruik

Hulle moes mooi kyk na die verskillende kenmerke van die plante, hoe dit lyk, waar dit groei, die kleur en vorm van die blare en blomme en ook die geur van elk. Daar was voorbeelde van elke plant. Ons het die Afrikaanse, Engelse en selfs Latynse name gelees, maar Oom Barry het ons verstom met sy vlot Xhosa!

Wilde Dagga, Kooigoed, Wilde Als en Aalwyn is gevryf, geruik en geproe. 'n Aftreksel is gemaak van die Wilde Dagga en almal kon 'n slukkie van die groen brousel neem. Dit help glo teen verkoue. Leerders het kans gekry om aan die vasvra deel te neem. 'n Wenner uit elke klas het met 'n prysie weggestap.

Die volgende dag het al 3 graad 6 klasse na die Fransie Pienaar Museum gery. Daar het Ant Meraai ons ontmoet en ons deur die kruietuin geneem. Ons het toe sommer nog 'n hele klomp ander kruie te sien gekry.

Baie dankie aan almal wat hierdie opvoedkundige geleentheid vir ons moontlik gemaak het! Iets wat 'n kind gesien en aan gevat het word beter verstaan en langer onthou as iets waarvan net gelees is.

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Brett the Vet: They Feel therefore They Are

In July 2012 a significant group of prominent scientists signed 'The Cambridge Declaration on Consciousness' in which they are openly proclaiming their support for the idea that animals are conscious and aware to the degree that humans are. How can it be that this fact has apparently not occurred to the majority in the human race? And how will we react when 'they' discover that many animal species are *more* conscious, *more* aware, *more* evolved, and *more* adapted than we are, and that we have found no way of trying to understand or learn from them?

The implications of this scientific acknowledgement are far reaching. We can assume that until now these (and other) scientists *did not* support the idea that animals are conscious and aware to the degree that humans are. The majority of people who have anything to do with animals automatically perceive their sentience. But we bizarrely require verification from scientists, the gods of the destructive western cultural phenomenon, before we are willing to truly believe it. Although action is required in the light of the declaration it is highly unlikely to occur in any significant way because of the potential impact on our own sacred lifestyles.

The next logical step would be for governments to declare that animals are indeed sentient and therefore no longer considered 'property'. This would mean, in effect, that animals could no longer be used for our pleasure in *any* way from vivisection to veal. As many countries are still grappling with the idea of human rights it seems unlikely that animals will be conceded consciousness in that realm.

Certain species are already regarded by many to be more conscious than others. We have attributed 'mind' to dogs and cats as they are regarded as companions, while other primates are obviously

akin to man. Animals raised for food such as sheep and chickens are often seen purely in physical terms and routinely treated like objects. Elephants are known to grieve the death of a family member, and cows mourn the abduction of their calves; dolphins play joyfully in the waves, and pigs take pleasure in mud. But these expressions of emotion have always been conveniently described as 'behaviour' which makes them more like instinct than feeling, reaction rather than consciousness.

Research shows that it is easier for people to eat an animal that they have decided has no mind, or one they haven't met before or seen in a form resembling an animal. Sometimes individual animals of a species normally considered to be food are given names because they have been raised as pets, and this makes it difficult for their human caretakers to slaughter and eat them. Animals given names are

attributed a greater degree of consciousness.

Familiarity and recognition command a certain respect. Anyone who sees 'the other' and recalls the golden rule 'One should treat others as one would like others to treat oneself' would naturally avoid doing harm. By failing to notice, one lingers in the shadows of life, allowing untold suffering.

A conscious creature imbued with beauty and grace can inspire admiration or destruction. One person will take a photo while another will take a life. Behind the wheel one driver will smash a tortoise crossing the road as easily as another will give way.

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I recently came across the *Prince Albert Friend* of Wednesday, 16 December 1936, Dingaan's Day. It advertises the Municipal budget for 1937 - scarcely over 2 000 British Pounds.

The newspaper cost three pence (3d). The ad for J C Forsyth's shop on the front page (see also page 13) had a much bigger typeface than the paper header itself. The early version of the film, *Ben Hur*, starring Roman Navarro (?), admission two shillings and sixpence (2s 6d), was showing at the local "Bioscope" and is promoted in the most extravagant terms. The abdication notice of King Edward VIII was not even the lead article and a very brief and terse one at that, but was tucked in between an article headed 'The Political Acrobat' and the column, 'Local and General'.

'The Political Acrobat' refers to Dr D F Malan, then leader of the Gesuiwerde Nasionale Party, whose attention is drawn in the article to the fact that Bosswells [sic] Circus is seeking to supplement its troupe of acrobats, and that he should apply!

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~ Honour our Roots: J C Forsyth ~



In 1924, JC Forsyth, chairman of the Tennis Club, officially opened the new courts on Church St
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The Pep Stores building received a facelift to welcome Prince Albert's 250th year. In honour of *De Prince Albert Vriend's* 100th anniversary we thought we'd run the advertisement for the first business housed in the impressive building, that of *J.C. Forsyth, De Prince Albert Algemene Voorsien Winkel*.

Mr Forsyth served the Prince Albert community as a storekeeper and as a Chapel Warden at St John's for many years.

On 25th August 1890 James Charles Forsyth (shopkeeper) married Lucy Alice Catharine Herbert, in St John's Mission Church School Hall. Lucy's mother, Mrs Johanna Herbert, had taught at the

school established for the prison warders' children in the Swartberg Pass while it was under construction.

A poignant entry in the church's Burial Register on 1st July 1891 shows James as the person officiating at the burial of his infant son, in the absence of a priest. The couple went on to have four daughters: Minnie (1892), Annie Frances (1896), Kathleen Alice (1898) and Florence Cecile (1902). Annie was the first child to be baptised in the new church building on 24th May 1896.

By 1903, when James Forsyth stood surety, with G E Boulton (attorney), James Ford (magistrate) and Robert Stephenson (doctor), for a loan to build a parsonage for St John's, his profession was registered as "businessman".

The 1890s were an exciting time to own a General Dealer's business in Prince Albert. The Swartberg Pass had been officially opened in 1888 and traffic wended its way from the railway line at Prince Albert Road through the village and over the Pass, bringing some interesting visitors and a wide variety of stock from the port at Cape Town. Gold was discovered in 1891 and hundreds of prospectors streamed to the district. Some of their needs were met by the store at the Prince Albert Gold Fields but Forsyth's store would have done a roaring trade too.

Although we don't know exactly what goods *J.C. Forsyth's Algemene Voorsien Winkel* stocked then, we do have a couple of stories from the early days of the twen-

tieth century which provide information.

Betty Weatherhead (nee Luttig, born 1906) grew up in the village and told a tale of a beautiful blue silk dress decorated with pink roses, which she saw in the window of JC Forsyth's store. It was close to Christmas and little Betty desperately wanted it. She eventually wore her mother down and the dress was bought. Imagine Betty's chagrin when she arrived at church with her parents to find five other little girls wearing the same dress.

Terence Basil Baillie, who spent some years here as a child in the 1930's, recorded the following description of the store in his memoirs:

"Mr Forsyth (was) the owner of the largest general store in the village... You could buy anything from a needle to an anchor from the shop. It was very large and busy. I still remember the old wooden counters placed virtually all around the shop and the shelves behind the counter stacked with every conceivable sort of goods from tinned goods to cloth and rolls of material for dresses, hardware and building materials. The shop also traded in hides and animal skins brought in by farmers. When the shop closed in the evening the windows and entrances were shuttered and padlocked."

We know that Forsyth's store also stocked coffins, which were kept upstairs and that James had small models made to show families the variety of designs which were available. The last of these is part of the Museum collection.

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J.C. FORSYTH,

DE PRINCE ALBERT ALGEMENE VOORSIEN WINKEL

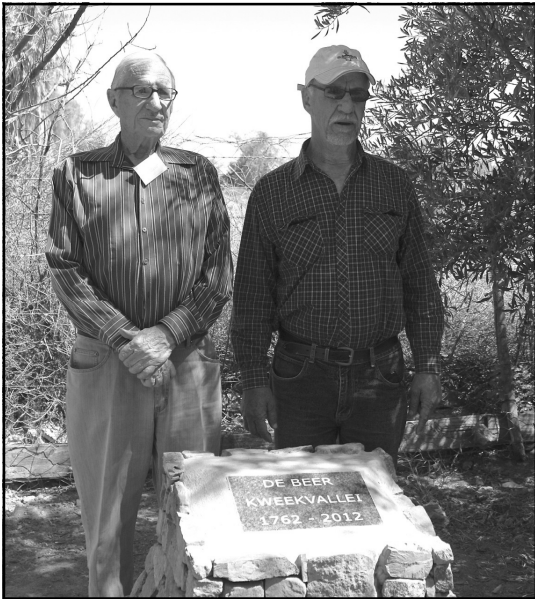
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Lydia Barrella (r) dui aan die ligging van die eerste begraafplaas op 'n munisipale kaart

Twee honderd en vyftig jaar na die aankoms van Zacharias, Matthys en Johannes de Beer en hul families by hierdie land onder die Swartberg, het afstammeling van al drie broers bymekaar gekom vanaf 21 -24 September 2012 om hulle stamvaders te eer.

Die naweek van aktiwiteite is georganiseer deur Mari du Toit en begin vir die De Beers met 'n Vrydagaand kuier by die Fransie Pienaar Museum tussen in-

teressante artefakte van die geskiedenis van hulle voorvaders. Mari het die agtergrond van Prince Albert se 250 feesjaar en haar eie De Beer konneksie bespreek. Sy was baie opgewonde dat Leon de Wit 'n Familiebybel vir die saamtreenaweek vir haar geleen het uit die dae van die eerste De Beer-geslag, gebore op Kweekvallei.

Saterdagoggend het Mari saam met meer as dertig De Beers deur die strate gestap

om die dorp se historiese stories met hulle te deel, en daarna het hulle Willem Freysen se plaas besoek om 'n gedenksteen op die terrein van die eerste begraafplaas, op Zacharias de Beer se plaas, Kweekvallei, te onthul. Nadat Ailsa Tudhope 'n gebed gedoen het en Lydia Barrella historiese inligting oor die begraafplaas aangebied het, is die gedenksteen, ontwerp deur Derek Thomas en gebou deur Johan Myburgh uit sandsteenklippe, onthul deur Eugene de Beer (82), die oudste nasaat teenwoordig.

Mense kan nie Prince Albert besoek sonder om die Swartbergpas te besoek nie en dus was dit op die program vir Saterdagmiddag. Daardie aand het die familie vergader by die NGK saal waar 'n vorige burgermeester, Dawid Rossouw, hulle verwelkom het voordat die Patchwork Theatre kinders die "Prince Albert Story" vir hulle opgevoer het. Daarna het dr Johan de Beer nuwe inligting oor Matijs Andries, die drie de Beer broers se pa, aangebied.

Johan het sy DNA laat ontleed en daarna baie verder navorsing gedoen rondom die uitslae van die Y-lyn (die manlike) inligting. Die naam van die mees genetiese naby familie is Holappa en

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Rondom die Familiebybel

hulle kom uit Finland. Die twee mans wie se DNA naaste aan die DNA van Johan is, is Lauri Holappa en Scott Takinen. Hulle het dieselfde stamvader gehad twaalf geslagte gelede. Johan is die agste geslag vanaf Matijs.

Dit lyk asof Matijs se oorspronklike tuisland nie Nederland nie, maar Finland is. Hy het op 22 September 1698 uit Texel in Nederland op die skip Huis Overrijp na Tafelbaai vertrek as 'n 'adelborst', 'n soldaat wat as 'n vlootof-

fisier opgelei is. As Matijs Andriesz word hy vryburger in 1702 en in 1703 teken hy sy nuwe van op 'n dokument: Matijs Andries de Beer. Johan wonder of hy daardie naam gekies het omdat die wapen van die distrik (Karelief) waar dit lyk of hy groot geword het in die dorp Wase (Vassa), die prentjie van 'n beer insluit.

Op 27 Julie 1729 het Matijs saam met twee van sy seuns in die strate van Stellenbosch gestap en gesê: "ik kan niet langer gaan, hier moet ik sterven," en dood

neer geval. Hy is in Stellenbosch begrawe, vermoedelik in die gronde van die Moederkerk.

Die De Beers – nou Finns en nie Nederlanders nie, het die lekker brood-en-sop ete voorberei deur Huis Kweekvallei se personeel, geniet. Die wyn vir die aand is geskenk deur Bergwater, Fernskloof, Reiersvlei en Soet Karoo en die Witblitz van die Museum.

Die naweek het nog historiese ervarings vir die de Beers verskaf: 'n stappie deur die Lotz-De Beer begraaftplaas en besoeke na 'Gay se Dairy', (die vorige Kweekvallei, Zacharias se plaas), Jan Olyf se Swartrivier (Mattys se plaas) en Vrisgewaagd (Johannes se plaas).

Dit was 'n naweek vol pret en plesier. Familielede het nuwe 'niggies' en 'nefies' ontmoet en, soos Lydia Barella gesê het, dit was fantasties hoeveel jong familielede opgedaag het. Die De Beer familie sal altyd hul geskiedenis koester.

Baie dankie aan Mari wat soveel ingesit het om alles te reël.

- Ailsa Tudhope -



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~ Inspireer ons jeug: Jeremia Prens ~



Jeremia Prens (r) en Thope Lekau by die onlangse TEDxPrinceAlbert konferensie (Foto: Yolande Singery)

Mense wat die toerismeburo besoek, dié wie gestem het gedurende die 'Dorp van die Jaar' kompetisie en dié wat die TEDx konferensie bygewoon het, ken nou vir Jeremia Prens, 'n Prince Alberter wat 'n verskil wil maak.

Jeremia het sy vroeë skooljare by Prince Albert Primër deurgebring en Matriek geslaag by Môrester op Oudtshoorn. Hy het het LLB-studies begin en terselfdertyd administrasie en telefoniste-werk by 'n finansiële dienstekantoor gedoen. Daardie werkservaring het tot ander werk by finansiële instansies in Somerset-Wes en Kuilsrivier gelei, totdat Jeremia in Julie 2011 weer in sy geboortedorp kom woon het.

Jeremia is nie 'n mens wat kan stil sit nie. In hierdie besige jaar van Prince Albert se 250ste verjaarsdag het hy besluit hy wil iets doen. Omdat hy so baie van mense hou was dit natuurlik dat hy 'n spanlid is wat Zelia ondersteun het by die Olyffees. Daarna het hy die kans gevat om 'n Toerisme ambassadeur te wees, werk en opleiding te ontvang wat hom tot April 2013 besig sal hou. Deel daarvan was om die Prince Albert TEDx konferensie te bemark en toe hy meer daarvoor geleer het en die praatjies gehoor het, het hy geweet hy was reg om weer in die dorp te kom woon, want daar is baie wat hy graag hier wil doen.

'n Toerismegids-kursus is eerste op die lys, sodat hy 'n toerismoete in Noord-einde kan opstel. Navorsing en besprekings met 'n Khayalitsha-toergids het

hom verseker hy is op die regte pad. 'n TEDx-spreker, Thope Lekau, se 'Cake Philosophy' het hom laat dink hoe só 'n roete baie plaaslike mense kan insluit en kans gee om werksgeleenthede te skep. Hy wil ook graag sy LLB klaarmaak en dit klink asof hy in die toekoms deur UNISA sal studeer.

Sy vyf-jarige seun, Jermaine, se toekoms en opvoeding is vir hom van die grootste belang. Jeremia en Jermaine is elke week by ons Biblioteek om boeke in Afrikaans en Engels uit te neem om te lees. Hy glo dat 'n liefde vir lees en die ontwerp van rekenaarvaardighede die lewe van baie van ons jong mense kan verbeter.

Vra vir Jeremia waar hy graag wil wees oor 'n paar jaar en hy sê: "Ek wil die Burgermeester van Prince Albert wees. Ek het baie om vir hierdie dorp te gee."

En sy advies vir ons jongmense? "Lees, lees en aanhou lees! Lees is kennis en kennis is groei. Deur alles wat jy leer kan jy jouself verbeter en 'n verskil in die wêreld en veral in Prince Albert maak."

Die eerste ding wat Jeremia elke oggend doen is om die motiverings te lees wat agter sy slaapkamerdeur geplak is. Hy besluit watter een hy saam deur die dag sal dra om homself en andere te motiveer. Met sy glimlag, sy entoesiasme en sy deursettingsvermoë is Jeremia op pad om sy eie en ander mense se lewens te verbeter en te laat groei.

- Ailsa Tudhope -

(Honour our Roots... Continued from p 13)

In 1924 James, as Chairman of the local Tennis Club, officially opened the new tennis courts in Kerkstraat, built on property donated by Dr PC Luttig. A photo of him lobbing a ball over the net can be seen in the Museum. Terence Baillie recalls that in 1933 Forsyth's Store was the only stockist of the new Hoërskool Swartberg school blazer and badge, designed by young Marie Theron, daughter of Ds HS Theron.

James and Lucy were bastions of the village and both lived to a fine age. Lucy died in 1949 at the age of 81 and James two years later at the age of 87. The entry recording his death in our Town Calendar is significant: "He had meant a great deal to the community." He and Lucy rest in the St John's Burial Ground in de Beer Street.

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Ingrid Lestrade and Annie Templeton of the Goedgedacht Trust

Thursday, 30 August, saw the end of a year-long process for the Path Out of Poverty programme (POP) of the Goedgedacht Trust and also the beginning of a new chapter for the youth of Prince Albert.

Almost a hundred residents, representing a broad spectrum of the community, attended a meeting in the Sydwell Williams Centre to hear feedback on POP's research in North End in December 2011. Mayor Goliath Lottering was joined by Ingrid Lestrade and Peter Templeton, both directors of the Goedgedacht Trust based in Riebeeck Kasteel. POP's study collected data such as the number of children and young people by interviewing more than 90% of households in Oudorp, Hankersville and Rondomskrik. Every one of the 942 residents interviewed gave written support (by means of their signature) for the establishment of a POP youth centre and programme in the community.

A draft document setting out the research findings was handed out to representatives of key sectors in the community for perusal and comment. The final document will then be printed and distributed to all parties and individuals wishing to use the data for developmental initiatives.

In their presentations, both Ingrid and Peter

stressed the impartial and apolitical position of POP. Moreover, any future POP program implemented in Prince Albert would fall under the leadership of Ingrid Lestrade and her team until such time as the community was ready to take it over.

The purchase of a piece of land for a POP centre was also discussed in question time and several parents made passionate pleas that such a centre be built urgently. Ingrid pointed out the process was necessarily a slow one and that each step had to be an inclusive one where any interested party could question and contribute.

Provisional plans for the centre are to be drawn up and made available for public comment at the municipal library at the end of September. A meeting to discuss the centre is still to be finalised for mid-October. All parties are once again encouraged to attend for support and constructive debate.

- Ingrid Wolfaardt -

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Plaaswerker van die Jaar Kompetisie: Koup Karoo Streek



(L na r) Lenor Snyman, Gerrie Steenkamp, Kobus Snyman en Johnny Baadjies, die Koup Plaaswerker van die Jaar 2012 (Foto: Linda Jaquet)

Die Koup Wes-Kaap Plaaswerker van die Jaar 2012 is mnr Johnny Baadjies van die plaas Jakkalsfontein, Merweville. Hy is 'n waardige wenner wat 'n groot inspirasie vir ander jongmense is. Die kategorie-wenners was: Algemene Werker – Wilfred Luttig van Renu Karoo Veld Restoration cc, Prince Albert; Junior Bestuur – Wilson Smit van die plaas Klein Damascus, Prince Albert en Diereproduksie – Johnny Baadjies.

Die kompetisie is in 2002, met Sanlam se finansiële ondersteuning, deur die Hexvallei Tafeldruifvereniging in die Hexvallei geïnisieer; in 2005 het die Departement van Landbou: Wes-Kaap as medeborg toegetree. Na registrasie het die kompetisie gegroei van die oorspronklike 36 inskrywings in die Hexvallei in 2002, tot deelname van 14 streke in 2011 met 'n skitterende 900 inskrywings. Die visie van die Departement van Landbou: Wes-Kaap is om die kompetisie eers provinsiaal en daarna nasionaal uit te brei, hopelik nog in hierdie 10de herdenkingsjaar van die Hexvallei se Plaaswerker van die Jaar Kompetisie. Shoprite het vanjaar saam met Departement Landbou toegetree as borg, en die inisiatief 'n lekker hupstoot gegee met die bedrag van R 750 000.

Die gedagte is om langs hierdie weg erkenning te gee aan die waardevolle en onmisbare bydrae wat die plaaswerker tot die volhoubaarheid en groei van die landbou-sektor in Suid-Afrika lewer. Vanjaar was daar nege kategorieë waarin deelgeneem

kon word, nl. Algemene Werker, Trekkerdrywer, Administratiewe Personeel, Diereproduksie, Tegniese Operateur, Besproeiingspesialis, Junior Bestuur, Middelbestuur en Senior Bestuur.

Die Plaaswerker van die Jaar wenner behoort 'n rolmodel te wees, 'n persoon na wie ander opsien. Hy is trots om deel van die Landbou-bedryf te wees, hy weet dat die bedryf die land van kos voorsien. Die wenner behoort te streef na goeie arbeidsverhoudinge binne die werksplek en om te alle tye ook sy beste te gee. Dit is van kardinale belang dat ons boerdery gemeenskap aktief deel is van hierdie kompetisie omdat die deelnemers slegs deur hulle werkgewer ingeskryf kan word! Die doel is juis om erkenning te gee aan plaaswerkers wat hul kant bring en trots is op hul werk.

Vir die kategorie- en streekswenner is daar nog verdere blootstelling om teen al die streekswenners te gaan deelneem en goeie pryse word toegeken!

Vanjaar, tydens 'n pragtige aand op Abrahamskraal, Prince Albert-distrik, is die wenners van die Koup Wes-Kaap Plaaswerker van die Jaar Streeksfunksie aangewys. Mnr Danie Niemand, Direkteur: Plaaswerkerontwikkeling, Departement Landbou was die hoofspreker en het die belangrikheid en waarde van samewerking en goeie verhoudings tussen plaaseienaars en plaaswerkers beklemtoon. Spanwerk is belangrik en as politiek uit die landbou gehou kan word, is daar 'n blink toekoms vir ons landboubedryf. Die vermaak is deur die Beaufort-Wes Marimbas en uitstaande voordrag deur twee leerlinge van Laerskool Merweville verskaf.

Deelname aan die kompetisie in die Koup/Karoo streek is in 2011 deur wyle me Jacolise Botes gereël. Vanjaar was die tweede keer wat die kompetisie in ons streek aangebied is. Ons het gehoop op meer inskrywings, daar die kompetisie in 2011 baie positief deur boere ontvang is. Ons glo hierdie kompetisie kan in ons streek groei! Me Ilze Koorts het die kompetisie vanjaar gereël en sal voortgaan met Plaaswerkerontwikkeling in die Koup-streek, onder die vaandel van AGRIREAP.

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VPM LAND SURVEYORS
(namens J BENINGFIELD)**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 24(1) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **VPM LANDMETERS (NAMENS J BENINGFIELD)** ontvang het vir die **ONDERVERDELING** van **ERF 37, DWARCH WEG, PRINS ALBERT**.

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYDAG, 26 OKTOBER 2012** bereik.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 33/2012
PROPOSED SUBDIVISION****ERF 37, DWARSCH WEG, PRINCE ALBERT
VPM LAND SURVEYORS
(on behalf of J BENINGFIELD)**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 24(1) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **VPM LAND SURVEYORS (ON BEHALF OF J BENINGFIELD)** for the **SUBDIVISION** of **ERF 37, DWARSCH WEG, PRINCE ALBERT**.

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2012**.

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VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING
VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA****ERF 2515, h/v MARK- EN HOSPITAALSTRATE,
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JR & N CLAASSEN**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **J R & N CLAASSEN** ontvang het vir 'n Afwyking van die dorpsaanlegskema.

Naam: JR & N Claassen
Adres: h/v Mark- en Hospitaalstraat, Prins Albert
Erf no: Erf 2515
Doel van aansoek: Bedryf van 'n gastehuis

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 34/2012
PROPOSED DEPARTURE
OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME****ERF 2515, c/o MARK- & HOSPITAL STREETS,
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JR & N CLAASSEN**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **JR & N CLAASSEN** for Departure from the Town Planning scheme.

Name: JR & N Claassen
Address: c/o Mark- en Hospital Street, Prins Albert
Erf no: Erf 2515
Reason for application: To operate a guest house

Details of the proposals are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

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TEDxPrinceAlbert



TEDxPrinceAlbert's organisers and speakers

TEDxPrinceAlbert took place in the N G Kerk hall on Saturday, 1 September. International and local speakers from a range of backgrounds shared their perspectives and experiences in the context of 'Meet me there: Working Beneath, Between and Beyond towards a thriving Planet.' Nearly 200 people, Prince Alberters and visitors, attended the event.

We invited some of the speakers and the participants to comment on the first TEDxPrinceAlbert:

Pilar Montero, international speaker

"I had the opportunity to travel from California, USA to give a TED talk in Prince Albert thanks to Hélène Smit. It was an unforgettable experience. Prince Albert is a physically beautiful place and we were housed, fed and in all ways royally treated. The talks were inspiring and moving. It was very rewarding to hear from so many the efforts made to help our environment and to share with members of the community thoughts and feelings on the various subjects of interest. Hélène did a splendid job fostering a sense of community and allowing shared learning to enrich us all. I think more local people should have come. This was a rare opportunity for schools to have students of all ages learn important facts and to experience the quality of the committed and courageous people who make

change possible and bring hope and inspiration by actualising their dreams with hard work. I also thought more of those who wield authority and power should have come. However, there was the choir that brought tears to my eyes as well as the playing of Piet and Neels. Therefore, music represented and made up for any small or big local omission. It was a great experience.

Hugues Rivet, participant from Mauritius

"When I told people around me that I converted my air miles for a free ticket to Cape Town and drove 400 kilometres to and from Prince Albert to attend their TEDx event, I was treated as a mad person...I wish they could get only a part of what I received during that week-end. The town itself is just so nice, its people are fabulous, and the talks were simply priceless. My TEDxPrinceAlbert experience was great and worth the trip. It was very inspiring being surrounded by such people, listening to the speakers and sharing in the group meetings was so great. I had the chance previously to attend TEDx Cape Town and also the one at Stellenbosch in 2010, but I took more out of the Prince Albert one. Being 'smaller' it was much easier to network, the environment itself was also highly inspiring and conducive to learning and networking around such brilliant ideas... definitely worth spreading!"



Christina Kaba described her community micro-farming projects

Van Olivier van der Westhuizen, deelnemer

"Onbewus van die bestaan van TED het ek in *Die Courier* gelees van die TEDx-konferensie in Prince Albert. Die lys van sprekers het my belangstelling geprikkel en my kosbare Saterdag is opgeoffer - die beste offer wat ek in 'n lang tyd gemaak het. Van Ellen Joubert se "onwyse" ambisieuse herwinningsprojek, die fisikus Mark Horner van UCT wat 'n studiejaar opgeoffer het om ons land se skoliere met wiskunde en wetenskap te help tot Christina Kaba se groentetuin in Khayelitsha en vele meer. Dit was 'n besielende, inspirerende belewenis om te hoor van individue wat met innovasie en toewyding 'n verskil gemaak het."

Philippa Kabali-Kagwa, Ugandan speaker

"Arriving in Prince Albert, I was struck by the simple beauty of the town - the tree-lined main road, the stark dry beauty of the Karoo landscape - with flowers that seemed to grow out of rock, and the way everything softened in the gentle light of the evening.

The event did not disappoint - diversity and collaboration - with all its challenges - was what characterised the event. Hélène involved a wide range of community members - the use of various guest-houses, the involvement of community

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Ugandan story-teller, Philippa Kabali-Kagwa

(TEDxPrinceAlbert... Continued from p 21)

projects, the primary school, various businesses and restaurants, the church providing the venue, the active involvement of the tourism office and a wide range of willing and able volunteers. And that was not the only diversity. The speakers varied in age, race, gender, ability, interest and experience, and yet all the talks connected with the theme of the day.

All the talks were powerful and the ones that remain memorable to where I am in my own life, were John Parker speaking about the greening of Lentegeur Hospital, Christina Kaba speaking about her work with Abalimi with such passion and humour, Ellen Joubert speaking about just trying to do something that she had never done before and making it work, and Mpumelelo Ncwadi redefining the concept of poverty. I also thoroughly enjoyed the musicians – hearing Piet's story and then listening to Piet and Neels play together."

Richard Fransen, local participant

"I came a few minutes late for the event but as soon as I settled in I was captivated by what was happening. Every presentation provoked enormous excitement. The manner in which the revolutionary ideas were presented was excellent. I particularly liked the creativity of every presenter. It made one look forward to the next presentation. There was definitely no reason to be bored. I felt a great sense of empowerment through the large amount of information received. The vibe and perfectly organised process put me at ease the whole time. I could

also see that the whole audience was completely engaged. I tried not to miss any word of any presentation. The quality of the content, the people behind it and the passion for the greater good of society gave me the desire to do more. My wife and I were refreshed by the TEDx talks. I felt proud to be part of the event and also to be part of Prince Albert."

Chantal Hounsom-Schoeman, local participant

"Meet me there: Working Beneath, Between and Beyond towards a thriving Planet" - An intriguing title – I knew I had to be there to hear more, as I felt it was a thoughtful, relevant topic. Where eco issues are concerned we really ought to be "in the loop", not only as to what we're doing to this planet in a harmful way, but also how we can keep evolving towards a mindful way of existence. So, it was with reverence and great anticipation that I attended our local TEDx. From the outset I could feel the excitement of the audience and then the brilliant speakers...the common desire to do what is good and right for this earth and her inhabitants. I heard the integrity, concern and compassion. I went home hopeful and inspired."

Stephan Schoeman, local participant

"It will always be pleasant for me to listen to good, concerned speakers and not just motivational talkers. So, it was a great experience for me and I enjoyed almost every moment. Not all topics will interest everyone. The theme was a very appropriate one for the times we live in. One's eyes open once more at these events and when you go home you realise that we all know this stuff, but have never implemented it. Most of what we hear is talked about in the Bible, but in modern times it is easier to understand the Bible with the help of specialist speakers or books who tell you how to actually apply the old methods of good and decent living, today. Thanks again for a very successful and inspiring day."

Diane Hounsom, local participant

"I came away from TEDxPrinceAlbert believing that I CAN make a difference! The speakers really implanted that seed into my heart and mind and I have begun to see my town as an exciting place ready to be blessed with creative seeds producing positive fruit.

What can we do practically? By listening to the speakers it became obvious that small steps do end up birthing significant results. We all have our own personal life stories and dreams. Using our unique perspective and life experience we can take small steps to implement creative change that benefits both our community and us. The change I want to see won't necessarily be the change you want to see. But that's the beauty of taking your story and seeing how that fits into the puzzle of everything out there..."

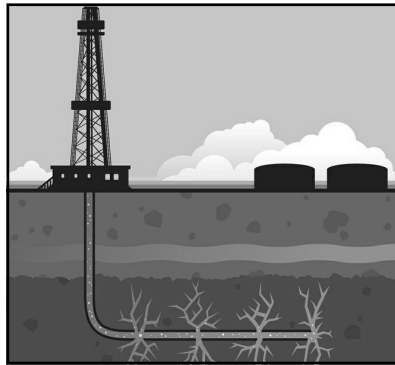
Brett Bard, South African speaker

"The ideas expressed in all the talks arose from a strong sense of compassion. Each speaker identified a need and was motivated to take action, recognising how they could contribute creatively towards transforming their communities and improving the lives of others. What was so inspiring was the apparent ease with which ideas could be implemented once realised. One came away feeling that anything that can be imagined can be achieved, if we want it.

New concepts can also be challenging, if not threatening for those who are comfortable with the *status quo*, but the healthy debate that has been stimulated will continue to influence our thoughts and actions for some time to come."



Arthur D Colman talked on scapegoating
(Photos: Yolande Singery)



FRACKING UPDATE

Fractual is 'n internet gebaseerde hulpbron wat poog om Suid Afrikaners in te lig aangaande die kwessie van uitbuitende gasproduksie, alternatiewe (hernubare) bronne van brandstof en die uitwerking van klimaatsverandering. Ons is gekant teen die ontwikkeling van skalie-gas as 'n energie bron as 'n direkte gevolg van ons ondersoek na die wetenskap wat daarmee verband hou in die besonder, en ook die potensiële negatiewe impak wat so 'n ontwikkeling op ons gemeenskappe en omgewing sal hê. Ons is reeds vir 'n geruime tyd betrokke by die debat rondom die kwessie van hidrouliese breking of frakturering. In April 2011 het ons 'n gedetailleerde kritiek van 'n *fracking* verwante konsep-omgewingsbestuursplan, wat deur Golder Associates namens Shell (Shell's EMP) voorberei is, voorgelê en ons kritiek is gekies om een van ses te wees wat voorgelê is aan die Departement van Minerale Hulpbronne (DMR).

Ons is onlangs deur Luke Havemann, voorheen die prokureur vir die *Treasure the Karoo Action Group* (TKAG), genader om hom en sy samewerkende raad toestemming te gee om ons in geregtelike verrigtinge wat teen toekenning van *fracking* verwante lisensies deur die Departement van Minerale Hulpbronne gemik is, te verteenwoordig. Luke se betrokkenheid in die *fracking* debat is net so goed gevestig as ons s'n, in die sin dat hy in April 2011 verantwoordelik was vir die TKAG se kritiese oorsig van Shell se konsep-omgewingsbestuursplan. Sedertdien was Luke onder andere verantwoordelik vir die opstel van suksesvolle voorleggings aan die Gesagsliggaam vir Reklamestandaarde, ten opsigte van sekere *fracking* verwante advertensies, iets wat ons ook in 'n afsonderlike voorlegging reggekry het. Verder het Luke ook daarin geslaag om die Minister van Minerale Hulpbronne in die Noord-Gautengse hooggeregshof suksesvol te dagvaar aangaande toegang tot inligting met betrekking tot die regering se taakspan aangaande *frakturering*.

Voor die beëindiging van sy mandaat met TKAG, het Luke toegesien dat kritiese resensies ten opsigte van die finale omgewingsbestuursplanne van die verskillende maatskappye wat aansoek gedoen het vir die *fracking* verwante eksplorasielisensies, in plek was.

Bykomend, in die geval dat die eksplorasielisensies wel toegestaan word, is interne appêl en litigasie verwante strategie dokumente voorberei. Luke en sy raad (beide junior en senior) het, in effek, gevra vir die geleentheid om hierdie dokumente namens ons in spel te plaas. Wat belangrik is, is dat hulle aangebied het om dit te doen op 'n gebeurlikheidsplan-fooi basis, wat beteken dat ons slegs verantwoordelik is vir hul lopende uitgawes en nie hul uurlikse tariewe nie.

Ons het ooreengekom om deur Luke en sy span verteenwoordig te word en die ooreenkoms word tans gefinaliseer. Die koste is onderskryf, maar ons sou graag die finansiële las wou deel met ander belanghebbende groepe, en sodoende ook ons gesamentlike belange basis verbreed.

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Pick-a-Piece's Violetta Makwattie (r) shows children how to make bead bracelets

The Pick-a-Piece project is in its fifth month and so far the children of Prince Albert have collected over nine tons of recyclable litter! More good news is that soon the project will have its own room at the Sydwell Williams Centre where it will be able to set up shop.

Pick-a-Piece is a community project where children collect recyclables once a week and are rewarded with points. The points are redeemable right away and the children can 'buy' basic stationery, toiletries, foodstuffs and some fun things. In this way we hope to inspire children to think and work independently and realise that through their own initiative they can achieve things. We do not give anything away, but make sure that the items are affordable.

We are grateful to the OK Grocer for giving us bread every week for sandwiches, as well as making a space available at the cigarette counter for a donations bin. Thank you to those who have already left donations there. There is a wish list on the bin but anyone can use their own discretion and put in articles that they think children would love.

We have also received bread from the Swartberg Hotel, fruit from various sources and sometimes, some very popular boiled eggs. Karoo Kaleidoscope has

supported us since the beginning with donations and generous discounts on purchases. The shop also has a donations' basket for stationery and fun things like Koki pens, crayons or colouring pencils. St John's Church has donated foodstuffs, toiletries, stationery and clothes regularly to the project.

This winter we bought blankets because it has been so bitterly cold. Children could 'buy' them for an affordable 10 points ie for R2.50.

Marion Finch sells second hand clothing at her 'ODD' shop (formerly Maydays) and Pick-a-Piece is the lucky recipient of these profits. As a result we have been able to keep the shop well stocked, and buy items such as the donations bin, blankets and various other much-needed items.

In recent weeks some of the volunteers have been making beaded bracelets and drawing with the children. As well as having fun, this gives the children and the volunteers a chance to sit together and get to know each other better. The children love social interaction and we share many laughs on a Wednesday afternoon. The bracelets are for sale for R15 at the coffee stall at the Saturday market to raise funds for the project. The children earn 5 points for each bracelet that they complete, which is enough to buy them a complete lunch of

soup, sandwiches and some fruit. We now would like to sew shopping bags for the children that they can then paint.

This project has so much room for expansion, there are many ideas and we welcome many more. We would particularly like to encourage people to take on a small new aspect of the project and develop it further.

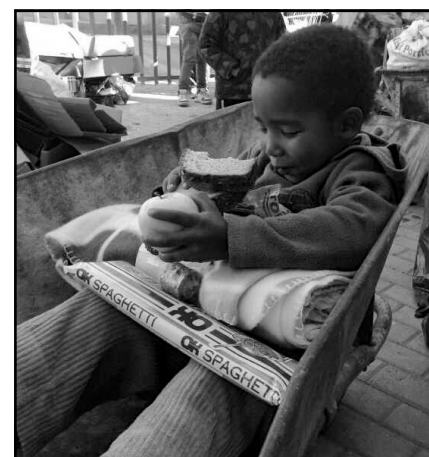
We are currently short of fruit. Orange season is over and we cannot really afford to spend a few hundred Rand on fruit every week. Any fruit and soup ingredients (such as meat or meaty bones) will be much appreciated. The children have a natural inclination to choose healthy food if it is available, so let's try and support that!

Thank you to the enthusiastic volunteers that help every week, as well as those behind the scenes, preparing sandwiches, cooking soup and making contributions.

We welcome visitors, so if you are in the area on a Wednesday between 1.30pm and 3.30pm, please feel free to pop in. Guest house owners, why not encourage your guests to visit the project? A couple of foreigners have stopped by and ended up getting roped in to work and loved it!

You can also visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pickapieceprincealbert. For more information phone 023 5411184.

- Imke Maeyer -



A Pick-a-Piece meal" (Photo: Hélène Smit)

VLV Nuus: Papier maché 1,2,3



Heila verduidelik die finale afwerking van die boonste rant van die bak, Sandra Meyer, Dolla Grové en Dalene Coetzee hou haar fyn dop

Saterdagoggend, 8 September, klop sowat 10 dames by Dalene Coetzee se huis in Nuwestraat aan.

Elk met 'n voorskoot en 'n bak, soos per instruksie, is ons oorgehaal om die kuns van papier maché in 'n paar maklike stappe te leer. Dalene se vriendin, Heila

Wessels, het alles goed voorberei:

Daar is vaseline om die bakke te smeer, gom, met 'n resepsie vir by die huis en twee kleure papier, sodat jy tred kan hou met jou lae, iets wat baie moeilik is indien jy net met koerantpapier werk.

Dan spring ons aan die werk. Dis smeer

en skeur en plak. Sodra die bakke in die son staan om te droog, is daar heerlike tee en muffins met kaas en konfyt. Dan word daar weer fluks verder geplak en gedroog. Ons leer hoe om die kante af te werk, dis moeiliker as wat dit klink! As die bak lekker droog is kry hy 'n laag wit verf en dan kom elkeen se vernuf en persoonlikheid te voorskyn met die versiering en siedaar, jy het 'n bak, maar veral 'n nuwe vaardigheid.

Dankie VLV, daar is altyd iets nuut en nuttig vir elke vrou by julle byeenkomste.

Op Woensdagmiddag, 19 September, het die VLV dames 'n baie insiggewende en leersame middag aan huis van Gudrun Toelstede deurgebring. Gudrun het die Duitse kultuur oor die eeue verduidelik en die middag is afgesluit met tuisgebakte Duitse gebak en heerlike koffie en tee, bedien in haar ma se papierdun koppies wat meer as tagtig jaar oud is. Baie dankie Gudrun, dit was verrykend.

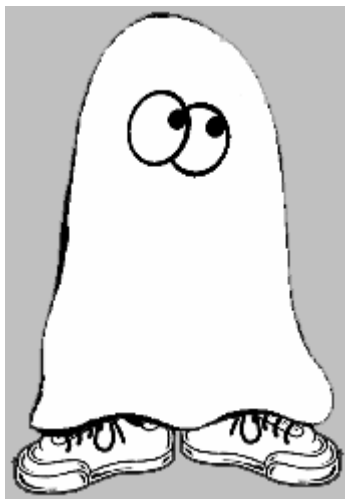
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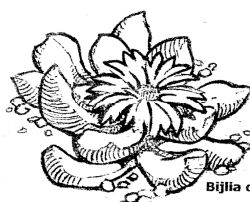
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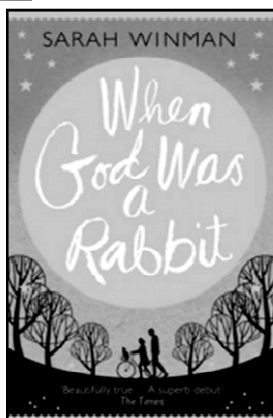
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Prince Albert Municipal Library BOOK REVIEW



When God Was a Rabbit
Sarah Winman

This was a book that made me glad I was a member of a book club. If left to my own choices I would simply have continued with thriller after thriller. Few of whose plots or characters I remember after turning the last page. And fewer still of which I would want to read again.

Not so with this stirring debut from an extraordinary new voice in fiction Sarah Winman. Not only is this unforgettable book in my bookclub but it's also in your very own Prince Albert Library!

Beginning in 1968 and spanning four decades, this is the story of a fascinating but flawed family and the many ordinary and extraordinary incidents that shape their everyday lives.

The book is peopled with unique and complex characters all of whom are original, well observed and authentic. The main character, Elly, is a kid who grows up too fast. She doesn't like to play with little girls her own age; she prefers the company of Mr. Golan, her elderly neighbour. Through much of her childhood her brother, Joe, is her best friend. And it is he who gives her a pet rabbit, whom she names 'god,' to lighten the loneliness of her childhood.

To lighten the tension there is also Arthur,

an ageing fop who tap dances his way into Elly's home life, along with a Shirley Bassey impersonator who follows close behind.

Elly has another best friend in Jenny Penny, a new girl in town who has a chaotic home life. But they are soon separated. Elly's parents move to Cornwall to open a bed-and-breakfast, and Jenny disappears without a trace. Friendless in her new town, Elly leans on her family for support, especially Joe, who is struggling to come to terms with his sexuality. He tries to start a new life in New York, but disappears in the chaos of 9/11.

At times it is a laugh-out-loud read, at others it is stupefyingly sad. It is a story about childhood and growing up, loss of innocence, huge eccentricity, familial ties and friendships. But the overarching theme is the unbreakable bond between a brother and sister.

When God Was a Rabbit is certainly worth a second read.

- Barbara Castle -

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Garden Club News



Sue Dean talks to Garden Club members about indigenous plants

Karoo Spring Flowers

Over twenty Garden Club members and three visitors from Wellington enjoyed a well-timed visit to the Karoo View Cottages indigenous garden in September to see a spectacular display of Spring flowers.

Sue Dean of Renu-Karoo Veld Restoration gave us many interesting insights into the growth habits of the wide variety of plants found on the slopes as she guided the group around the property. Julie and Richard Waterston, owners of Karoo View Cottages, left the original ground as undisturbed by building works as possible and have only replanted around the new guesthouses. Julie has planted grasses in the area where the 'grey' water is discharged from the washing machines, and this provides an attractive and practical solution to what can be a difficult issue.

The group were fascinated by the many tiny plants and how they have adapted to survive the harsh climate. Most are pollinated by birds that eat their tasty fruit, while avoiding those that are poisonous. Bees, insects and wind are also used for pollination and we saw how plants adapt their flowers to optimise their chances of

survival. After viewing the garden, the tour continued a short distance up Margrieta Prinsloo Street to see more wonderful displays of colourful plants. Sue also pointed out two varieties of alien cacti that are becoming invasive and which need to be removed before they spread further.

The Club thanked Julie for her hospitality with the gift of a white Arctotis. Lorna Verran won a lavender bush in the lucky draw.

Plant Sale

Members are asked to contribute as many plants as possible for our annual fund-raiser Plant Sale on Saturday, 13 October. Shrubs, succulents, seedlings, herbs, trees, seeds or anything at all in the gardening world will be most welcome. There will also be a raffle, so any suitable prizes would also be welcome. Please deliver plants to Sue at 4 Leeb St on Friday 12 October, or to the market place on the day of the sale, before 8am.

October Meeting

The Garden Club meets again on 3 October at the home of Jocelyn and

Roy Honeyborne at 3 Jan Louw Street.

The Honeybornes have replaced a large section of grass with an attractive variety of plants suited to our local climate and after admiring this we shall show a DVD on container plants.

Ideas on choosing pots, plants to go in them and potting up, as well as herb 'recipe' pots and unusual receptacles for plants will be covered.

Please bring a mug for your tea. There is no charge for members, and visitors are most welcome and will pay R10.

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07:00 – 08:30 Inskrywings van alle skaap-en bokrasse

07:00 Kombuis open (*ontbyt tot 10:00*)

08:00 Stalletjies open

08:00 Kindervermaak

08:30 Skriflesing Ds. C. Briers

08:30 Beoordeling van kleinvee-rasse

Boerbok-interstreek kampioenskap

Merino kampioenskap

Dorper kampioenskap

09:00 Op die hoof beoordeling – slaglam

10:00 Kroeg open

vanaf 12:00 MIDDAGETE (Braaivleis)

15:00 Inskrywings van koek-versier-kompetisie

Inskrywings van Gebottel (*Kontak Daleen Coetzee 082 500 2252*)

15:00 Kultuur: Ganspluk – Marie Gerber

Bak brood in die buiteoond – Malie Tolken

Volkspele – Hestie Fourie/ Marie du Toit

19:00 Steak-ete en dans(*R90 vol.-R25 kind 0/12- R30 Dans*)**SATERDAG 20 OKTOBER**07:00 Kombuis open (*ontbyt tot 10:00*)

08:00 Stalletjies open

08:30 Boerbok-interstreek kampioenskap hervat

09:00 Teetuin open

09:00 Perdeprogram begin

09:30 Skriflesing Ds. Chris Briers

10:00 Kindervermaak – Koek-versier kompetisie

10:30 Beoordeling van slaglam kompetisie en karkas veiling

11:00 Kultuur: DEMONSTRASIES

Hak-stok- buig: Willem Freysen

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(Garden Club News... Continued from p 27)

Access to the house is easy for those less mobile.

Museum Garden and De Beer St graveyard

As part of the 250-year celebrations, Garden Club members, under the leadership of Rosemary McEwan, have recently restocked and revitalised the Museum front garden, and it already looks very promising. The entrance to the 1872 Burial Ground of St. Johns Church in De Beer St is also looking more colourful with the addition of two raised beds of assorted succulents.

Oudtshoorn Open Gardens

Twenty-five gardens will be open on 26 and 27 October in the Cango Valley area. Tickets cost R30 and include tea and scones.

More information is available from www.cangoroute.co.za, or by emailing bdanielategan@gmail.com or Anna du Plessis Telephone: 044 251 6901.

New Ambulance Station on 'Death Road'

On Tuesday, 25 September, the Western Cape Minister of Health, Theuns Botha, formally opened the new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) station on the N1 at Leeu Gamka.

The station will provide a 24-hour emergency medical response and rescue assistance seven days a week to the over 2000 residents of Merweville, Welgemoed, Newtown Park, Bitterwater and surrounds, an area of approximately 250 kilometers.

The Health Department considers the area as high priority because of the horrific motor vehicle accidents on the N1 between Beaufort West, Leeu-Gamka and Prince Albert Road.

The new ambulance station includes a waiting room for patients, accommodation for relief crews, (from outside the Karoo) and a helipad for rescue helicopters.

In 2005, the community of Leeu Gamka indicated to the Department of Health that they wanted to be trained in emergency first response to reduce the transportation and response time to critical accidents on the N1.

Twenty community members were trained and a satellite station then operated out of Leeu Gamka. Since then, eleven EMS practitioners operating from the station have been trained in Intermediate Life Support and another eight trained as Advanced Life Support Emergency Practitioners.

Minister Botha indicated that his department was implementing a programme throughout the Western Province aimed at training residents of strategic areas as first responders. In the long run this would increase the skills of communities and improve the quality of the service delivered by the Emergency Medical Services.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

SUPPLIERS/SERVICE PROVIDERS OF THE WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT: COMPULSORY REGISTRATION ON THE WESTERN CAPE SUPPLIER DATABASE (WCSD) IS FREE

Provincial Treasury: In November 2011, the Western Cape Government communicated its intention to **ONLY** do business with suppliers/service providers who are duly registered on the Western Cape Supplier Database by 1 April 2012. Suppliers/service providers were granted an extended deadline to be duly registered by 1 September 2012.

This is the final call for Suppliers/Service Providers to register, failing which no awards will be made to Suppliers/Service Providers who are not duly registered on the Western Cape Supplier Database.

All prospective Service Providers are again invited to register as a supplier on the Western Cape Supplier Database by following the process hereunder:

- Obtain a registration form from the Western Cape Supplier Database Helpdesk on: 0861 225-577 or 021 680-4666/supplierdatabase@ariba.com
- Obtain all relevant supporting documents, indicated in the registration form, (such as CK certificates, tax clearance certificates, B-BBEE certificates/EME letter, etc.) from the relevant authorities.
- Duly complete the registration form and certify its correctness.
- Submit the completed registration form together with certified copies of the supporting documents to: Ariba (Quadrem) 1st Floor, Liesbeek House, River Park, Liesbeek Parkway, Mowbray, Cape Town 8001 or PO Box 1207, Cape Town 8000.

Please note: If you have already submitted registration forms together with supporting documentation and Ariba (Quadrem) has indicated your status to be:

- "suspended" - immediately hand deliver to Ariba (Quadrem) at the abovementioned address, your original valid tax clearance certificate and WCBD 4 (faxes and e-mailed documents will not be accepted)
- "semi-complete" - immediately submit all outstanding documents as indicated in the checklist and/or e-mail that was sent to you when registration documents were submitted.

Note: Service providers are also reminded that the submission of an original certified copy of B-BBEE certificate/EME letter is a prerequisite to qualify for points in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, which came into effect on 7 December 2011. The regulations, together with other relevant legislation, can be viewed on www.treasury.gov.za and www.westerncape.gov.za. To claim your preference points, a WCBD 6.1 (obtainable from the Western Cape Supplier Database Helpdesk) must be completed and sent to Ariba (Quadrem) as part of your registration.

New registration to the WCSD will continue to be accepted after 1 September 2012.

Invitation to International Tea Party

The ladies of the Thursday Group will be doing their part to celebrate Prince Albert's 250th anniversary with a tea party in St. John's Hall on Saturday, 6 October. Tea and goodies with an international flavour will be served from 10:00 to 16:00 at R10 per head.

According to Ann Whitton of the Thursday Group, there will also be lots of other activities in and around the St John's Church the same weekend.

"There's the annual Flower Festival, a children's art display and the much awaited unveiling of a beautiful commemorative wall-hanging lovingly made by The Patchwork Dolls."

Lofsangaand vir Kersfees

Die NG Kerk maak nou al voorbrand vir hul reuse poging om die hele gemeenskap en al die verskillende denominasies in Prince Albert te betrek by hul Kerssangaand op Sondag, 25 November 2012, om 18:00 in die kerk.

Kore en sangers van ál Prince Albert se kerke, en ook alle groepe en individue, word hiermee genooi om te kom deel in die lof en eerbetoning aan die groot Skepper wat Prince Albert nou al 250 jaar in Sy hand hou.

Hannelie Botha van Pretoria en ons eie Therene Fourie het reeds bevestig dat hulle sal optree; Caroline Verwey (kitaar) en Piet Cordier met sy pragtige stem sal ook gehoor word.

As daar enigeen is wat nog 'n bydrae of voorstel wil maak, skakel gerus vir

ds Chris Briers by 023 541 1409 of 073 015 5534.

En gaan maak sommer nou 'n rooi kring om 25 November en kom luister saam na die jubelende lofliedere wat sal opgaan – en sing saam *Stille Nag* in afwagting van 'n gewyde Kersfees.



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Nuwe Apostoliese Kerk deel in Prince Albert se 250 jaar viering



Die kinderkoor van Prince Albert se NAK het ook gesing
Foto's: Stephan Jaggy



Dié dames se weergawe van 'This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine' was 'n gunsteling

Dis 15 September, Saterdag middag 3uur.

Ons kyk vir mekaar – wáár is die mense dan? Die koorlede is reeds lankal gereed. Elke besoeker aan ons dorp moet sy eie kostes dra, R1000 elk. Die koorlede spaar weekliks om só 'n uitreikaksie te kan meemaak. Daar is tog sekerlik genoeg geadverteer in ons koerant, met kennisgewings en by monde.

Die Nuwe Apostoliese Koor en orkes is al 'n instelling – maar die keer is daar 'n

kinderkoor ook by. Meer as 200 lede sit die hele pawiljoen vol en van ons eie mense is ingesluit! Die kinderkoor bestaan uit 77 kinders, volwassenes: 80 dames en 52 manne; die orkes uit 17 musikante. Weereens het die Nuwe Apostoliese Kerk sy sterk bande met Prince Albert gestand gedoen deur ons 250 jarige fees te kom saamvier.

Almal het hulle voorkeure: solo? Kwartet? Mansstemme? "This little light of mine" was 'n groot gunsteling. Die Afrika-ritme is uniek en hoogs aansteek-

lik! G'n twee paar voete is stil wanneer sommige vertolkings gepaardgaan met beweging nie.

Die onbetwiste, ligte-luim wenner is: "Vanaand gaan die volkies..." Nooit weer sal dié melodie sommer net gesing word nie! Die mannekoor het 'n totale gehoor daarmee oorgehaal.

Pieter Olckers het die uitvoering perfek opgesom: "Ons kan julle nie laat gaan sonder 'n laaste koor-groet nie."

Baie dankie aan elke persoon van die Nuwe Apostoliese Kerk vir al die vreugde, (en 'n traan) wat julle uitvoerings aan ons verskaf.

- Jeanetta de Lange -








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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 35/2012****VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING****VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA****ERF 574, PASTORIE STRAAT 11, PRINS ALBERT
DR. JIL GAUNTLETT & ME. WENDY HANSON**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **DR. JIL GAUNTLETT & ME. WENDY HANSON** ontvang het vir 'n Afwyking van die dorpsaanlegskema.

Naam: Dr. Jil Gauntlett & Me. Wendy Hanson
Adres: Pastoriestraat 11, Prins Albert
Erf no: Erf 574
Doel van aansoek: Bedryf van 'n gastehuis

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYDAG, 26 OKTOBER 2012** bereik.

Munisipale Kantoor HFW METTLER
 Privaatsak X53 MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER
 PRINS ALBERT 25 September 2012
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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 35/2012****PROPOSED DEPARTURE****OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME****ERF 574, 11 PASTORIE STREET, PRINCE ALBERT
DR. JIL GAUNTLETT & MS. WENDY HANSON**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **DR. JIL GAUNTLETT & MS. WENDY HANSON** for Departure from the Town Planning scheme.

Name: Dr. Jil Gauntlett & Ms. Wendy Hanson
Address: 11 Pastorie Street, Prince Albert
Erf no: Erf 574
Reason for application: To operate a guest house

Details of the proposals are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objections, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2012**.

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 36/2012****AANSOEK OM VOORGESTELDE HERSONERING
VAN ERF 1902, KERKSTRAAT 44, PRINS ALBERT****ME. SABINE ELISABETH JAGGY
CAFÉ PHOTO ALBERT (EDMS)BPK**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 17 van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **ME. SABINE ELISABETH JAGGY** ontvang het vir die **HERSONERING** van ERF 1902, Kerkstraat 44, Prins Albert, vanaf Residensiële Sone na Sake Sone I, vir die bedryf van 'n **KOFFIE WINKEL, RESTAURANT EN FOTO GALERY**.

Besonderhede van die voorstel lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYDAG 26 OKTOBER 2012** bereik.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 36/2012****PROPOSED REZONING OF****ERF 1902, 44 CHURCH STREET, PRINCE ALBERT****MS. SABINE ELISABETH JAGGY
CAFÉ PHOTO ALBERT (PTY)LTD**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 17 of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that Council received an application from **MS. SABINE ELISABETH JAGGY** to **REZONE ERF 1902, 44 Church Street, Prince Albert** from Residential Zone to Business Zone I for the practice of a **COFFEE SHOP, RESTAURANT AND PHOTO GALLERY**.

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2012**.

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Exciting Brass Ensemble Plays in Prince Albert



Brass-ON performs at the Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg on 21 October.

Brass-ON's concert at the Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg at 18:00 on Sunday 21 October, promises to cater to a variety of musical tastes. The thirteen-member brass ensemble – five trumpets,

five trombones, two tubas and a euphonium - has an eclectic repertoire, ranging from classical music to swing and from baroque to movie soundtracks.

Brass-ON hails from Hesse-Nassau in Germany. The orchestra's tour of the Western Cape includes concerts in Cape Town, Knysna and Genadendal and a workshop and performance at the 'Darling Music for All Festival'.

The ensemble's conductor, Albert Wanner, who plays the tuba, has toured South Africa as a soloist. He studied at the Academy of Music of the Rhineland in Cologne and at the Academy of Music in Düsseldorf. Albert played with the Gürzenich Orchestra in Cologne, the Saarland Radio Symphony Orchestra and for 14 years in the Philharmonie Südwestfalen.

Tickets are now on sale at R50 each from the Tourism Office. Proceeds from the concert will go to the Prince Albert Tourism Association. For more information: telephone 023 541 1366 or princealbert-tourism@intekom.co.za



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Hestie Fourie Leads New Team at Tourism



Hestie Fourie, new Tourism Association chairperson, is also well-known for her wonderful singing

The Prince Albert Tourism Association's AGM on 28 August saw the election of a new executive committee to manage tourism in the town at a crucial time. Hestie Fourie takes over as Chairperson from Jeremy Freemantle,

while Wolf Stuckler is her deputy. Ria Steyn, Michelle Smith and Lienki Schoeman are the other new members of the committee.

Di Steyn will continue to represent the tourism sector on the Ward 2 committee and Jeremy Freemantle remains involved in developing a strategic tourism partnership with the Municipality. Elise Senekal continues as Treasurer until such time as someone is found to fill the position. A representative of the *Prince Albert Friend* is an ex officio member of the committee.

In his Chairperson's Report, Jeremy noted that tourism was the single biggest industry in the Prince Albert district and the growth of this sector was critical for the health and sustainability of the town. Marketing and branding initiatives by the Association and individual businesses have built the profile of Prince Albert as a destination significantly over the past number of years. This was achieved in spite of limited funding and an almost non-

existent marketing budget.

Jeremy indicated that to maintain these marketing initiatives and further develop Prince Albert as the rural destination of choice, a strategy would have to be put in place that would look forward at least 15 to 20 years.

The profile of tourism products, owners and beneficiaries would have to change fairly radically in order to be more inclusive and representative of the wider community. This would need resources, both physical and financial and whatever strategy was put into place would need to be driven and championed. He appealed for all involved in tourism in the town to begin a process of addressing tourism development as a strategic imperative.

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Polisie kontak nommer
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NOTICE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

We request that residents of Prince Albert assist us in the prevention of crime and damage to property.

1. Store goods appropriately to prevent theft or damage. Visibility creates temptation.
2. Make a list of the serial numbers of valuables to facilitate recovery through the SAPS computer system.

Should you be absent from your home for a few days you may request that the police periodically check your property.

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Unfortunately Prince Albert is not exempt from crime.

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AGM Report Back

Residents attending the recent Prince Albert Ratepayers' and Residents' Association's (PARRA) AGM heard much encouraging news from Chairperson Barbara Castle. This past year, she said, had been an improvement on 2011 in that the Association had been able to enjoy the 'open-door' policy now favoured in the Municipality.

Ms Castle listed a number of areas in which PARRA had been successful, including the cementing of relationships with members and local government. The Association had lobbied for transparency in Municipal and Council spending, taken up account problems on behalf of owners, given input at Integrated Development Plan meetings, raised issues of expenditure not budgeted for and continued to encourage the municipality to use SMS as a tool for notifying residents of water restrictions, power outages, public Municipal Meetings, etc.

PARRA is currently dealing with the confusing changes in municipal procedures & charges for the removal of sewerage, and residents are encouraged to bring their concerns to the attention of Incident Manager, Nicole Wicomb, on 023 5411 014.

Ms Castle also reported that with Ward Committees now in place it was somewhat easier for her to raise concerns with the relevant officials—on a monthly basis—by means of an official reporting template.

A small change was made to point 9c of the PARRA Constitution, doing away with the need to nominate new commit-

tee members in writing ten days before the AGM and streamlining that to "a show of hands" at the AGM.

The committee were also given members' approval to make *ad hoc* cash donations to local projects and initiatives that would benefit the broader community of both the north and south ends of town.

Guest speaker Councillor Isak Windvogel sketched the history and development of the Prince Albert Thusong Centre ... one of many such centres countrywide, designed to bring government closer to the people. (Thusong = getting together). Access to national Departments of Home Affairs, Labour, Health, Social development and others would now be right on our doorstep.

Ms Castle closed by thanking the current committee, saying it had been a rewarding experience to serve with them. She also thanked Mayor Lottering for his advice on thorny issues ... Cllr Bower for always

taking the time to listen and to give positive feedback... Linda Jaquet for attending meetings at short notice to bring us updates on Community Policing Forum (CPF) matters ...and Heinrich Mettler for straight answers to PARRA's, often difficult, questions.

The current committee was returned *en bloc* and subsequently elected the following office bearers - Barbara Castle: Chairperson, Kelly Cloete: Vice-Chairperson, Hugh Forsyth: Treasurer, Eric Ahrens: Secretary, along with André Goosen, André Jaquet and Barbara Gorniak. Residents are welcome to raise their concerns with committee members at any time.

The Association thanks the *Prince Albert Friend* for the excellent job it does of serving the community and extends its congratulations on a hundred years of dedicated reporting!



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Practical steps to follow:

If you do get stopped and they want to arrest you, demand to see copy of the warrant. The police can only arrest you if they have the original or a copy of the warrant for your arrest on them. (In terms of Section 45 of the Criminal Procedure Act an arrest on a copy or a written communication from a magistrate or peace officer is legal.)

A practical ruling by the Director of Public Prosecutions is that the Metro Police must supply the warrant of arrest or at least a copy of the warrant within 30 minutes after

the arrest. It is impossible for the Metro Police to have 1,5 million original warrants of arrest at the roadblock.

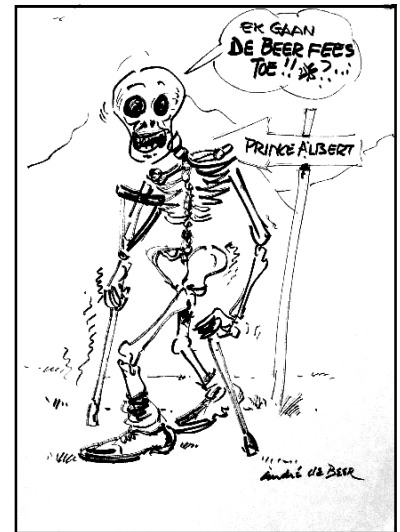
If the police cannot produce a copy of the warrant of arrest, refuse to go with them and point out that the arrest is illegal.

If they persist and still want to arrest you despite their inability to produce a copy of the warrant, advise them that you will sue them for unlawful arrest. At that time, take down all the details of the arresting officers, and list the date and time of the arrest. In particular make a mental note of all the events and surrounding circumstances concerning the arrest and as soon as possible thereafter (whilst the events are still fresh in your mind) make a detailed statement.

Thereafter, take legal advice and if you are advised to do so, lay a charge against the police as soon as possible after the incident.

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Oom Zaag de Beer Keer Terug



Oom Zaag de Beer was die NGK Skriba vir meer as vyftig jaar - nou bewe hy om terug te kom, miskien kan hy weer die klavier by Oom Gawie Beukes se bioskoop speel!

*Spotprent deur André de Beer,
Oom Zaag se kleinseun*



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Vanuit die Raadsaal

Werkskepping

Die rehabilitasie van die Swartbergpas is die volgende werkskeppingsprojek; dit word deur die Nasionale Departement van Omgewingsake befonds en sal agtien (18) maande neem om te voltooi. Die projek skop af op 26 September. Een honderd sewe en veertig (147) persone wat vir die onderhoude gekom het by Anix Consulting, die projekbestuurder wat deur die Provinsie aangestel is, was suksesvol.

Hierdie projek stel dit hom ten doel om die werkloosheidsyfer drasties te laat daal.

Opening van Thusongsentrum

Die Thusongsentrum is op Vrydag, 14 September, deur die Minister van Plaaslike Regering, Mnr Anton Breddell geopen. Dit was 'n heuglike dag in die geskiedenis van Prince Albert en ons glo dat die mense die dienste maksimaal sal benut.

Die volgende Departemente sal van Kantoorruimte gebruik maak by die Sentrum:

- Departement Maatskaplike Dienste
- SASSA
- Departement van Binnelandse Sake
- Departement Arbeid
- OVK/IEC

Wykskomitees

Die Wykskomitee-vergaderings het gedurende die week van 17 September in al vier wyke plaasgevind en lede van die Wykskomitees het die geleentheid gehad om sake binne die vergadering te bespreek.

Die portefeuljekomitee-vergaderings vind op 27 en 28 September plaas en die Raadsvergadering volg op 11 Oktober 2012.

Onthou dat alle lede van die gemeenskap hierdie vergaderings kan bywoon. U sal ongelukkig net waarnemingsstatus geniet, maar so kan u sien hoe die vergaderings verloop. Ons dank en waardering

aan die lede van die verskillende wykskomitees vir hul bydraes en insette.

Daar sal deur die Speaker se Kantoor gereël word vir vergaderings per wyk waar daar terugvoer gegee sal word aan die gemeenskap, en u sal op hoogte gehou word van die datums en tye van die vergaderings.

Settlement with former Municipal Manager

The Council and the former Municipal Manager, Juanita Fortuin, have agreed on an out of court settlement that is acceptable to both parties. The Council weighed up the financial implications of contesting Ms Fortuin's claim in court before negotiating the settlement.

Technical Division's Offices

Regular users of the Library will have noticed the banging of builders in the room adjoining the Library. They are converting the space into offices for the Municipality's Technical Services Division, which is currently housed behind and above the Finance section. Community Services' officials will move into the offices vacated by Technical Services.

A new Library is planned alongside the Thusong Centre. Building will start once Provincial funding is received.

Land for POP Centre

Earlier this year the Goedgeacht Trust applied to Council to acquire a piece of land in Rondomskrik to erect the planned POP (Path Out of Poverty) Centre. Section 40.3.1 of its policy on the administration of immovable property permits the Municipality to sell or dispose of immovable assets "when the public interest or plight of the poor demands..."

The Council approved the sale of the erf (Council decision 135 of 2012 proposed by Cllr I Windvogel and seconded by Cllr A Rabie) to the Goedgeacht Trust for the amount at which it is valued. There will still be a public participation

process regarding this matter.

Jaareinde

Ons gaan u, die gemeenskap, van die Ouditeursverslag inlig sodra dit gefinaliseer is. Die Raad is dit eens dat die finale verslag van die Ouditeur Generaal SA deur die *Prince Albert Vriend* gekommunikeer moet word, sodra dit ontvang is.

Samevatting

Die Raad vertrou dat daar op die huidige positiewe gesindheid in die Gemeenskap voortgebou kan word in die res van 2012, ons nooi u weereens uit om kontak te maak met u Raadslid of met die Administrasie indien daar enige kwellings of ontevredenheid is.

As Raad en amptenary wil ons te alle tye daarna streef om aan u net die BESTE diens te lewer en is dit uiters noodsaaklik dat u ons op hoogte hou van enige probleme wat u dalk mag ondervind. Ons is oop vir enige kommentaar/kritiek, hetsy positief of negatief.

*Goliath Lottering
Executive Mayor*

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Terugblik op die *Prince Albert Vriend*

Nogal nostalgies om deur die dorpskoerant vanaf 15, 16 jaar gelede te blaai.

Hierdie publikasie is in 1994 hervat as projek van die Toerismeburo, ondersteun deur die manne van die dag, Flip van Niekerk, Voorsitter van die Toerismeburo, Raadslid Johann Mulder, toenemend van die ou Spar in die gebou wat nou Lewis huisves en Burgemeester Dawid Rossouw. Virna Gouws was die vrou wat die werk gedoen het – sy was verslaggewer, redakteur, samesteller, tikker, proefleser, boekhouer, verspreider van uitgawes 3 tot 23.

As destydse Voorsitter van die Toerismeburo, was die voortsetting van *Die Vriend* vir my 'n prioriteit en met die harde werk van ons Toerismebeampte, Inge Mynhardt, is kontinuïteit verseker.

Die beginsel was baie duidelik – *Die Vriend* was die verantwoordelikheid van

die Toerismeburo. Terselfdertyd het dit ten volle aan die hele gemeenskap behoort. Uitgawe 24 van April 1997 het 'n inklusiewe uitnodiging gerig: “Ons soek hulp en bydraes... 'n Vergadering is vir vir 22 April gereël om *Die Vriend*, 'n nuwe Redaksie en enige ander insette te bespreek. Enigiemand is welkom”. Daar is toe die eerste redaksionele komitee van gewilliges en gekoöpteerders gevorm om my en Inge te help verseker dat die hele gemeenskap se lief en leed ingesluit word: Denise Ohlson, Sharlton Groenewald, Goliath Lottering, Keith en Pat Goudie.

Ons wou so ver moontlik die daaglikse aktiwiteite en eietydse geskiedenis van die dorp en sy mense reflekteer sodat geskiedskrywers dit as bron van outentieke geskiedenis kan gebruik. Die mikpunt was om Prince Albert se storie te dokumenteer en die dorp terselfdertyd te bevestig. Polities neutraal.

Beide skole het begin om maandeliks te

vertel wat gebeur het, veral op sportgebied. Huis Kweekvallei is betrek, die Tennisklub en ander sportklubs, ook die Kerke. Nuwe ampsdraers is aan die lesers bekend gestel, ons het berig oor nuwe besighede, sterftes, boereaangeleenthede, Museumnuus, lewendige Briewekolom van ons lesers. Munisipale nuus, Biblioteeknuus.

Kyk bietjie na die advertensies, pryse van goedere, om van huise nie te praat nie. 'n Uitstekende voorbeeld van inflasie!

Ek onthou die gesukkel om 'n goeie balans Afrikaans/Engels te handhaaf – die bydraes bepaal dit tot 'n groot mate. Jy werk teen spertye. Die aanstelling van Kerneels Mulder as die man om die koerant persklaar te kry, het grootliks bygedra tot die oorlewing van die koerant in die laaste 10 jaar. Dit is steeds 'n gemeenskapsprojek sonder winsbejag;

(Vervolg op p 42)

Creative Paving and Stone Walls

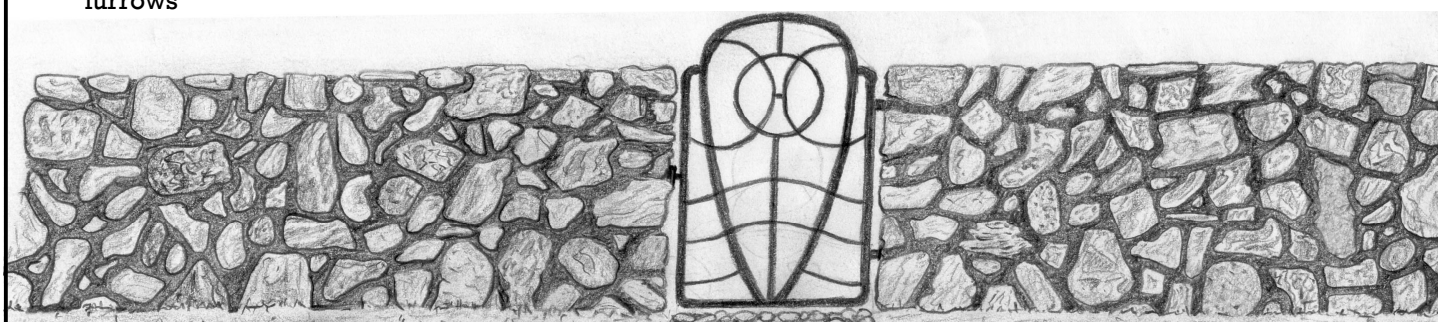


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Thusong Centre Brings Government to You



Sister Mara Swart checked SAPS' Colonel Ndlovu's blood pressure at the opening of the Thusong Centre



SARS officials assisted residents with their income tax questions

Friday morning, 14 September, saw the Western Cape Minister for Local Government, Environment Affairs and Development Planning, Anton Bredell and Prince Albert's Mayor, Cllr Goliath Lottering, open the Prince Albert Thusong Service Centre. Over 300 residents and dignitaries attended the ceremony.

Minister Bredell noted that "Thusong", a Sesotho word meaning "a place to get help" summed up the vision behind the Western Cape Government's response to the need to 'bring government to the people', particularly in rural areas. Planning for the facility was done in 2008 and the building of the Centre, funded by the Provincial Government, commenced in 2011 and finished in March 2012. The government departments and organisations that have offices at the Centre will pay rent to the Prince Albert Municipality, which is responsible for upkeep and maintenance. A manager for the Centre will be appointed in due course.

The presence of the Departments of Home Affairs, Labour, Social Development and the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) at the Thusong Centre would ensure that residents of Prince Albert and surrounds would have easier access to identity documents, registration of births and deaths, social

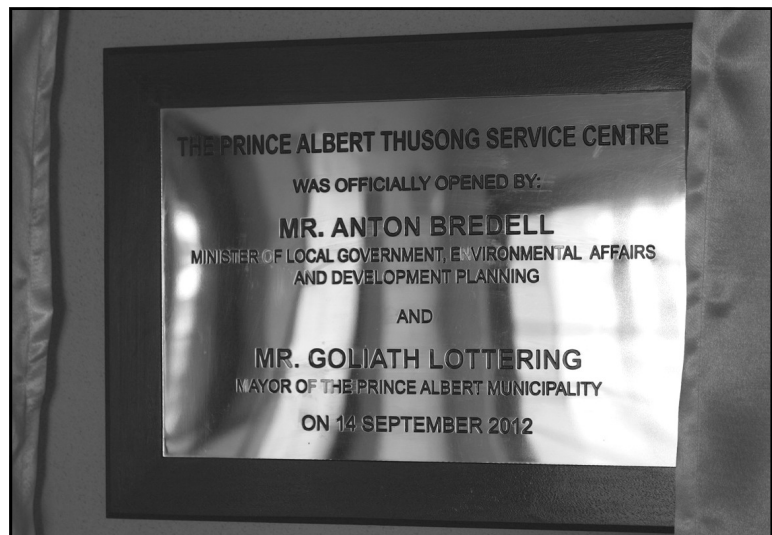
grants and advice regarding employment issues. This, Bredell said, would change the lives of the community and would mean that government could look after those who really need assistance.

Bredell cautioned against the unrealistic expectation that the Thusong Centre would instantly provide jobs for Prince Alberters. The residents of Prince Albert, he said, needed to have skills and more importantly, the right skills, to be able to be employed to give support to the community. Bredell also appealed for ideas on how the Thusong Centre could contribute to the lives of the children of the town. He noted that in this day and age, children

competed with the whole world. They needed access to computers and the Internet to be able to research school projects and open doors to their futures.

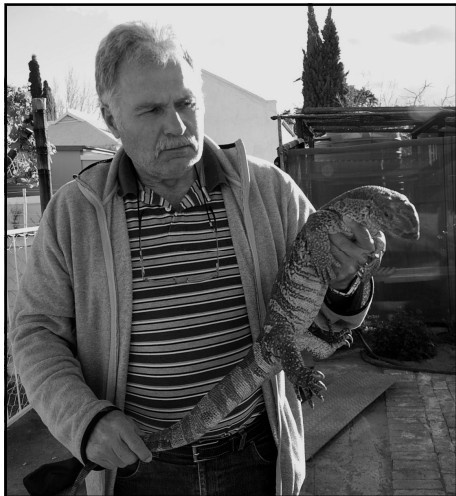
The community of Prince Albert and surrounds can look forward to the Department of Home Affairs being at their office at the Thusong Centre for two weeks every month. The Department of Labour will man their office twice a month and SASSA will be present during the week that the payment of social grants is scheduled.

- Linda Jaquet -



Minister Anton Bredell and Mayor Goliath Lottering unveiled the plaque at the Thusong Centre

‘Snake Man’ to the Rescue



Prince Albert’s ‘snake man’, Athol Loppnow, with a likkewaan he rescued recently at the home of Jill Gauntlett and Wendy Hanson. Jill and Wendy’s dogs were barking at a drain on their property, determined to flush out whatever was hiding there. They called Athol, who arrived promptly and safely relocated the young lizard.

Call Athol on 082 821 6984 should you want a snake removed. The service is free.

(Terugblik... Vervolg vanaf p 40)

probeer net die drukkoste dek,

Oor die jare was daar heelwat redakteurs – Virna Gouws, Susan Perold, Inge Mynhardt, Russell Brownlee, Jill Reid, Denise Ohlson, Sharlton Groenewald, Ailsa Tudhope, Di Steyn.

Niemand het egter die stamina van ons huidige redakteur Linda Jaquet nie – sy is reeds vyf jaar in die loopgraaf. In haar tyd het die koerantjie gegroei van 12 of 16 bladsye tot 40. Die vrou verdien ‘n medalje!

Wat my opval is dat die inhoud van die koerant deurlopend die storie van die dorp en sy inwoners vertel terwyl dit die beginsel van inklusiwiteit, onpartydigheid, a-politese benadering en poging tot tweetaligheid bly handhaaf. Welgedaan!

- Susan Perold -

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Prince Albert Protests Against Fracking

On Saturday morning, 22 September, residents of Prince Albert joined protesters in the rest of the country and around the world to express their opposition to hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. About thirty residents, joined by tourists, held a demonstration in front of the Fransie Pienaar Museum on Church Street as part of the 'Global Frackdown' campaign.

Bearing posters declaring, '1 Frack U Can't Go Back' and 'South Africa is not for S(h)ale', the black-clad protesters exhorted passersby to 'hoot against fracking.' Stallholders in the markets wore black bandannas and scarves.

On the two days preceding the demonstration residents wrapped black bands of material around the trees in Church Street to mourn the destruction of the Karoo habitat. Businesses and homes hung wreaths with black ribbons in solidarity.

Lisa Smith, who leads the anti-fracking campaign in Prince Albert, urged residents and visitors to oppose fracking actively, particularly now that the South African Government has lifted the moratorium on fracking, paving the way for exploratory drilling. "Please support www.fractual.co.za which is preparing to challenge the granting of drilling licences in court. We are working hard to raise funds to cover the organisation's legal fees," she said.

Lisa also noted that she had received many compliments from abroad for Prince Albert's anti-fracking demonstration on 22 September. An e-mail sent to her from the United States described the trees draped in black as "exquisite" and the posters, wreaths and ribbons as "classical" and "classy."

Lisa Smith can be contacted on 023 541 1380 or 0836299196.

- Linda Jaquet -



Young Prince Alberters protest against fracking (Photo: Linda Jaquet)



Lisa Smith, Zelia Mullins and Jeremia Prens wrap a blue gum tree in black (Photo: Denise Ohlson)



Prince Albert residents voice their concerns about the impact of fracking

Miernes vier Lente en Vriendskap



Van die "Miernes-tannies" het die uitnodiging om 'n hoed op te sit en die lente te vier, met groot entoesiasme aanvaar – en heelwat vrolikheid aan die speelskool se oggendtee verleen. Vlnr: Engeline Mostert, Marlene Bezuidenhout, Anel Klue, Marina Nel, Juliana van der Westhuizen. (Foto: Gudrun Toelstede)

Marina Nel, eienaar van Miernes Speelskool, het al haar kinders se ma's, oumas, tannies en vriendinne op Saterdagoggend, 15 September, na die Skousaal genooi om die lente, vrouwees en vriendskap te vier. Dit was ook terselfdertyd 'n fondsinsameling om Kers-

geskenke vir die 29 kinders te koop en om assistent Dora Sass 'n bonus te kan betaal.

Die dames het in groot getalle om die lieflik gedekte tafels aangesit, skoon huiwerig om die twintig skouspelagtige

koekie en terte te sny – want Madri Rossouw het weer elke standaard van kulinêre uitnemendheid oortref met haar gebak.

Therene Fourie het pragtig gesing – en haarself ook vir die eerste keer op die kitaar begelei; Michelle Smith het 'n inspirende motiveringspraatjie gelever, gebaseer op Spreuke 31: 10–31.

Haar boodskap: Elke vrou is 'n unieke mens – jy is nie "maar net" nie. Moet jouself dus nooit vergelyk met ander nie; moenie jouself vertel ander is "beter" as jy nie... Moenie vasklou aan wat jy nie kan doen nie, vermy twyfelgedagtes en vind passie in jou hart om die "uitnemende vrou" van die Bybel te wees. Passie, glo Michelle, is, naas geloof, die belangrikste bestanddeel om enigiets te bereik...

Marina het die verrigtinge afgesluit deur almal teenwoordig te verseker dat sy steeds en altyd 150% sal gee vir Miernes se kinders.

- Denise Ohlson -

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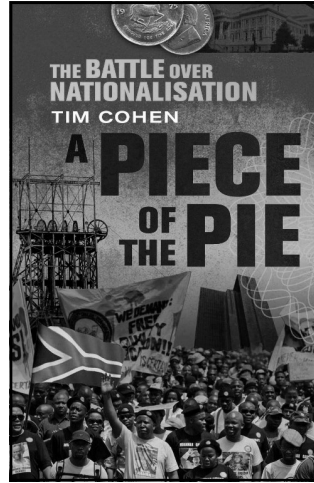
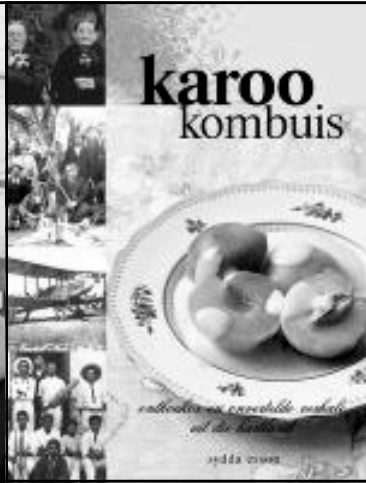
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 **Sanlam**
Ons dink vooruit

Another First For Prince Albert: A Leesfees in November



Sydda Essop will discuss *Karoo Kombuis*



Tim Cohen talks about nationalisation and *A Piece of the Pie*



Novelist, Carel van der Merwe, discusses his new book, *Skaduwee*

Prince Albert's first ever *Leesfees* takes place from 9 to 11 November. A full weekend programme includes South African writers discussing their newly-published books, performances for children, cookery demonstrations, a debate on fracking and the official opening of Prince Albert Primêr's library.

Local poet, Jeanetta de Lange, will formally launch her debut collections of poetry, "Ouma Skryf 'n Boek" and "Tel 'n Klippie Op" at the opening of the Leesfees. Both are beautifully illustrated by Prince Albert artist Christine Thomas.

Popular novelist, Carel van der Merwe, will discuss his latest thriller, *Skaduwee* and Andrew Brown, whose crime novel *Solace*, won this year's Sunday Times Fiction Prize, is also on the programme. Chef Sydda Essop will discuss her book *Karoo Kombuis/Karoo Kitchen*, which has a strong Prince Albert connection, while Bernadette le Roux will demonstrate vegetarian recipes from her *Roots, shoots & leaves*.

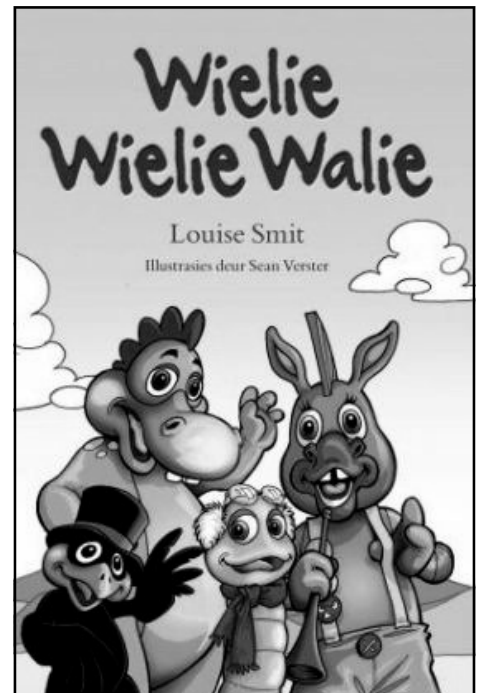
Local author Tim Cohen's *A Piece of the Pie* covers the hot topic of nationalisation in South Africa, and Maritz Spaarwater discussing his memoir, *A Spook's Progress*, are two of the non-fiction writers participating. Ivo Vegter,

author of *Extreme Environment*, will join other well-known figures in a discussion on fracking. Afrikaans poet, Daniel Hugo, and his brother, Pieter, who has been involved with the local library for many years, are also participating in the festival.

Younger readers can look forward to Louise Smit's puppet performance, where she introduces new characters to a new generation. Older readers will remember Louise's *Wielie Walie* characters, Karel Kraai, Sarel Seemonster, Bennie Boekwurm and Haas Das se Nuuskas. Louise will perform at the official opening of Prince Albert Primêr's library and again during the *Leesfees*.

The *Leesfees* is part of Prince Albert's 250th anniversary celebrations and also salutes the Library's 150 years of service to the town. "How appropriate too that we could celebrate the opening of a spanking new library for children, that at Primêr," organiser, Corina van der Spoel, noted.

Corina managed the renowned bookshop, Boekhuis, in Melville for many years, organises the Mail & Guardian's Literary Festival, as well as the literary events at the Aardklop Kunstefees in Potchefstroom and also has her own radio programme on RSG, *Skrywers en Boeke*. She is a regular visitor to Prince Albert. Members of the Prince Albert Writers Guild and the Friends of the Library make up Corina's



Louise Smit, creator of *WielieWalie*, performs for children

local organising team.

A detailed programme will soon be posted on the Prince Albert Tourism website <http://www.patourism.co.za>.

Tickets go on sale at the end of October 2012 at the Prince Albert Tourism Office. Telephone: 023 541 1366 or princealberttourism@intekom.co.za

- Linda Jaquet -

PA Classic Golf Challenge

On Saturday, 15 September, twenty-four keen golfers set out just after midday to take part in the Prince Albert Golf Club's Classic Golf Challenge. More than a third of the competitors came from other parts of the southern Cape, including Oudtshoorn, Beaufort West, Knysna and Plettenberg Bay.

The field consisted of six four-balls (four players per group) and the competition was run on a two ball better ball Stableford point basis. All the competitors did their best not to damage the spectacular display of Spring flowers blooming over the entire nine holes of the golf course.

Sarel Fick (24 handicap) of Oudtshoorn and Rick Cedras (5 handicap) of Beaufort West won the tournament with 46 points. Cedras went around in 69, one shot more than the course record of 68. This is four shots under par for the course. In second place were Prince Alberters J C Fourie (19) and B Fourie (15) on 45 points. They were followed in third place by R Vass (7) and A Mitchell (16) of Beaufort West and by Prince Albert's G Sarels (7) and T Claassen (24) in fourth place. Prince Albert's E van Zyl (9) and his partner, A Olivier (12) of Worcester, took fifth place.

H Ellis of Beaufort West won the longest drive and Rick Cedras won the prize for nearest the pin for three strokes.

The winners won various meat packages



Golfer, John McKenna,
gauges his chances of another birdie

and the first five places received local wines. Thank you to Ewert van Zyl for his sponsorship of the tournament.

The day ended with a Karoo braai where the players were joined by non-golfing locals and visitors. All agreed that that this year's Classic Golf Challenge had been a fun event and that Prince Albert's flowers outdo those of the Namaqualand.

- John McKenna -

Primêr se koor wen weer

Op 'n bitter koue Saterdagoggend het ons die pad Laingsburg toe aangedurf om te gaan sing by die Eisteddfod.

Weereens het Hoërskool Laingsburg hulself oortref met die organisasie van die byeenkoms. Baie dankie vir al julle harde werk, veral Me Marie Swanepoel. Julle laat ons altyd welkom voel en ons geniet dit om ons maats van Merweville, Touwsrivier, Laingsburg en ander plekke te hoor sing.

Onder Sara van Rooi se leiding het Prince Albert Primer se leerders soos volg presteer: Koor 92%, Trio 91%, Sekstet 75%, Dansgroep 70% en Solo 69% (Claudia Hendricks). Mooi so!

Al die ure se oefen het vrugte afgewerp. Die beoordeelaars het opgemerk dat behalwe dat die leerders baie mooi sing, hulle ook uitstekende dissipline openbaar.

- Linda Fodor -

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Tennis Club hosts Beaufort West



Prince Albert tennis has a long and an illustrious pedigree. Tennis Club members in the early 1900s included, back row: Captain de Wit, Gert de Villiers, Marais, Koos Theunissen, Dr Luttig, Luttig McDermid, Dr Stevenson. Middle: Nettie de Wit, J de Vries, Mina de Vries, Miem Hugo, Susie de Beer and Miss Wium, described as a Std 3 teacher. Front: Henna Krige, Freddie de Wit, C de Wit (Koeka) and Nico Haak.

The population of Prince Albert will be significantly swelled on Saturday 13 October, when an elite grouping of 10 tennis players led by the redoubtable Hein de Ridder - scourge of tennis courts throughout the Central Karoo - will be visiting from Beaufort-West.

Local players have embarked upon an intensive training programme in respect of on-court protocol, scoring conventions, line calling, ball passing techniques and the tea ceremony. Should they find extra time they will also practise their tennis.

The all-day affair has been billed as a "friendly", but a mole within the PA Tennis club inner echelon has leaked information to the *Friend* suggesting that excessive displays of friendliness will be

used as a screen to camouflage a strongly competitive inclination among local players.

"Everybody knows" said the informant, "that the Beaufort West people believe Prince Albert's only claim to fame is its leiwat system. We aim to show them that leiwat is one thing, but tennis is another." The *Friend* doesn't quite know what was meant by this cryptic remark.

In a bid to encourage interest in this noble game, spectators have been invited to watch matches on the Centre Court for free on a one time only basis. "They will be bedazzled by what they see," said the informant, "and the tennis should also be good."

- Sports Correspondent -

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